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PRINCES OUT TO SABOTAGE BR. PROPOSALS

Bhopal's 'Secret' Circular

CALL TO COLLEAGUES TO BACK LEAGUE AGAINST INTERIM GOVT.?

Hints For Selection Of Men For Constituent Assembly

States Rulers In Hurry To Enhance Privy Purse

From Our Correspondent

INDORE CITY, August 18. On the eve of the formation of an Interim Govt. at the Centre, H. H. the Nawab of Bhopal, Chancellor of the Chamber of Princes, has issued, it is most reliably learnt, a closely typed 17-page circular, giving advice to member rulers of the Princes Chamber. The circular is marked "Most Confidential" and is to be noted and returned by the Princes.

MOVE TO GET PAY INCREMENTS

The question of Privy Purses has figured most prominently in the document. It concerns the Indian Princes very directly. The purses at present are fixed on the basis of five, ten and 20 per cent of the total revenue of different States. The circular advises the Princes to enhance immediately the Privy purse to seven and a half per cent and 27 1/2 per cent.

Stressing the point, further the circular explains that this must be done before the setting up of the Interim Government, after which it may be very difficult to do so.

This secret document, it is pointed out, that nominations in unequivocal terms that Princes should not grant more than 50 per cent of seats to popular representatives.

The circular further advises Princes to bear in mind that officials of any State, however eminent they may be, are not to be included in the Privy quota of the remaining 50 per cent.

Giving reasons for this it is pointed out that nominations of officials are bound to create discontent among the people due to their unpopularity. It will therefore, be advisable for the rulers themselves to go to the Constituent Assembly. States people may not oppose their Princes becoming representatives on grounds of traditional loyalties.

This portion of the document has been particularly directed to the Princes of those States which have not more than one million inhabitants.

MAKE-BELIEVE!

It is further advised that to create favourable atmosphere for this the Princes should lose no time in devising channels through which they

WILL THEY FOLLOW LEAGUE?

This confidential circular also discloses the possibility of a revision of the Prince's decision to participate in the Constituent Assembly in view of the withdrawal of the Muslim League with which the Princes might ally themselves in fighting the Government in power, in case a one-party Government is at the Centre, headed by a man like Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, prepares to liquidate their sovereignty and internal administration of Indian States with a view to have responsible Governments established there, an attempt at which will be opposed tooth and nail by the Princes.

ARMENIAN IMMIGRANTS IN RUSSIA DISILLUSIONED

Strongly Advise Brethren To Stay Put & Defeat Soviet Propaganda

ANKARA, AUG. 18 (U.P.A.): RENEWED RUSSIAN EFFORTS TO ENSURE ARMENIAN IMMIGRATION INTO SOVIET ARMENIA ARE NOT MEETING WITH SUCCESS AMONG ARMENIANS IN TURKEY ACCORDING TO A UNITED PRESS OF AMERICA DISPATCH TODAY.

Only 700 are completing the formalities out of 50,000 Armenians in Istanbul alone.

Armenian newspapers say, "Armenians in Turkey do not wish to emigrate."

DISILLUSIONED

Reports from Syria show that Armenians who emigrated from there are now writing home via Persia strongly advising Armenians not to believe propaganda and remain where they are.

Figures say that Russia transported and settled in Armenia a total of 11,000 Armenians from Lebanon, Syria, Bulgaria and Persia.

CALCUTTA RIOTING SHOWS NO SIGN OF ABATING

Death Roll Mounts Up: Victims Litter Streets: Hospitals Overflow

CALCUTTA, Aug. 18. (U.P.I.): The communal riots all over the city of Calcutta are continuing for the third day with the same fury. There is no sign of abatement. The suburbs of the City have been affected and reports of looting, murder and arson are pouring in from places as far as Serampore.

An extensive area in north Calcutta and some places at the centre of the City are practically under military control. Tanks, armoured cars and British Army columns are patrolling the streets and aircraft circled over the City in the morning.

The trouble is still continuing and dead bodies, according to reports from various parts, lie strewn on highways.

Casualties Mounting Up

It is almost impossible to fix casualty figures with precision, and police Headquarters on enquiry last night failed to help make an estimate. Taking into account both the conservative and the liberal accounts the figures of the dead and wounded can be put approximately at 450 and 3,000 respectively.

TELEPHONE BREAKDOWN

The city's life has been further dislocated due to the closing down of the Burrahaz exchange of the Calcutta telephone network. Most of the newspapers and two most important hospitals and medical colleges have been cut off. The Bough Exchange

was closed down to-day. Since yesterday, people residing in the strongholds of the opposite communities are leaving homes and are streaming towards safer places. Refugee camps are growing up at many parts in the City.

According to one report, crackers were used last night in rioting. The report of the death of Mr. Paritip Gupta, son-in-law of Mr. K. S. Roy, Leader, Bengal Congress Assembly Party, was contradicted by Mr. Roy. Mr. Gupta is progressing.

S. O. S. To Jawahar

The President of the Bengal Provincial Congress Committee, Mr. Surendra Mohan Ghosh, has wired to-day to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru to Congress President, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel that requisite police and military was lacking in the Calcutta riots and that the situation was deteriorating.

Mr. Ghosh has advised Congress volunteers to take the help of the Police wherever possible and carry on rescue work. Some parties of volunteers have already taken such work. KIRAN ROY MEETS GOVERNOR.

The Chief Minister, Mr. H. S. Suhrawardy, held a conference of leaders this evening to consider the 'riots situation. Among those who participated in it was Mr. Sagar Chandra Bose. It was decided at the conference

that more police and military pickets should be posted.

Mr. Kiran Sankar Roy interviewed His Excellency the Governor this afternoon and made some suggestions in regard to the riots.

NO CHANGE IN SITUATION

Mr. H. S. Suhrawardy described the Calcutta riot situation this evening as much the same as it was in reply to an enquiry by the "Associated Press of India."

In Howrah, area of Central Calcutta, where a peace procession was taken out this morning, the situation was quiet.

A rescue station manned by British Indian troops has been opened today by the army on the Calcutta Maidan.

AT LEAGUE HQ

Enquiries at the Bengal Provincial Muslim League headquarters show that Muslim League workers have been touring the disturbed areas rendering relief wherever possible to those who are endangered. Owing to the dislocation of transport and telephone services, however, the headquarters has now lost contact with most of them.

At least 500 refugees from the disturbed parts of the city have so far been given shelter by the Provincial Muslim League, and the number of such people is increasing. The (Continued on Page 5)

Viceroy's Final Bid To Woo Jinnah

CONGRESS PREPARES LIST OF NON-LEAGUE MUSLIMS FOR INTERIM GOVT.

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, August 18. One more attempt to secure the co-operation of the Muslim League in the formation of the Interim Government is expected to be made, this time by Lord Wavell himself.

The Viceroy, it is learned, is likely to make a last-minute appeal to Mr. Jinnah not to spin the hand of friendship offered to the League.

NOMINATIONS ON PARTY BASIS

One method of approach, it is believed, is that both the Congress and the League should recognize the unfettered right of each to nominate its quota to the Executive Council, but the Congress in practice will include a non-League Muslim in its team.

Neither Lord Wavell, nor the Congress is prepared to go beyond party as envisaged in the S. C. Paper of June 16 in which the League was offered five seats and the Congress six, including one Scheduled Caste seat offered to the Congress.

The Alternative

The second line of approach in the event of the League's non-co-operation is expected to be to fill in the seats allocated to the League by non-League Muslims on the express condition that they would be vacated as soon as the League decides to come

ANOTHER JAWAHAR—VICEROY MEETING

NEW DELHI, Aug. 18. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, President of the Indian National Congress, had a meeting with the Viceroy this evening lasting over an hour. Before going to Viceroy's House, Pandit Nehru conferred with members of the Parliamentary Sub-Committee.

Under the Interim Government, the whole Council in that event would resign and would be reconstituted.

NON-LEAGUE PROBABLES

The non-League Muslims whose names, mentioned here for inclusion in the Interim Government are Mr. G. M. Syed from Sand, Mr. Fazul Haq from Bengal, Doctor Saifuddin Kitchlew from the Panjab, Doctor Zakir (Continued on page 5 col. 4)

Let Jinnah Go To Calcutta

Indians At British 'Varsities Condemn Riots

LONDON, Aug. 18. (Reuters): Members of both Oxford University Majlis and Cambridge University Majlis to-day condemned the Calcutta riots and appealed to the Indian National Congress and the British Government to take the strongest measures to stop the riots.

Most members of the Cambridge University Majlis blamed Mr. Mohammed Ali Jinnah for his 'lack of foresight, bankrupt statesmanship and irresponsible leadership.'

A spokesman of the Oxford University Majlis demanded Mr. Jinnah's immediate presence in the riot areas of Calcutta to stop a civil war. A Muslim member of the Majlis, executive who comes from the North of India said: "It is easy to foment the Muslims of Bengal, most of whom are backward and converted. The 'direct action' leaders ought to have reckoned on this fact."

JAMIA MEMBERS ASSAULTED AND THEIR PROPERTY LOOTED

'Direct Action Day' Trouble In Sylhet, Comilla And Chandpur

CALCUTTA, Aug. 18. (U.P.I.): Reports received from different places in Bengal and Assam speak of disturbances on the 'Direct Action Day.'

The situation in Sylhet appears to be serious. On the 'Direct Action Day, the trouble began from a clash at noon near the mosque where Maulana Ahmed Hussain Madani, President, Jamia-Ul-Ulema-I-Hind, was staying. Several Jamia members were assaulted and property of some of them looted. About 30 Hindus and Muslims were injured on that day. After a peaceful night, trouble began again the following morning and assault and looting went on. The situation is tense.

The Deputy Commissioner called a conference of political party leaders. Mr. Gopinath Bardoloi, Premier, Barasat, Kumar Das, Mr. Baidyanath Mukherjee, Ministers, with the Inspector-General of Police arrived in the evening and met local leaders for restoration of peace. Police arrangements were adequately made.

IN COMILLA

At Comilla, in Bengal, the Harijans took a bad turn when several persons blocked Railway lines and police help was requisitioned. The situation came back to normal, however, with the arrival of armed police. At Chandpur the trouble began, it appears, from coercion to close down shops and many stores were looted. Assaults, stabbing and arson went on for some time. In view of the situation, local police were reinforced by armed force, with the District Magistrate at the head, from Comilla. Police pickets were posted at different points and several arrests were made.

'DEGRADATION OF OUR PUBLIC LIFE'

Jawahar On 'Amazing Irresponsibility' Of League Ministries

NEW DELHI, August 18. (U.P.I.): Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Congress President, in an interview to the United Press of India on the Calcutta disturbances said: "I should not like to say much about Calcutta disturbances before full facts are available. But it is obvious that what has happened in Calcutta can only take place when there is an organized effort to do so. The Provincial Government there has no high reputation for competence or anything. Now one is inclined to doubt if it is any Government at all. The kind of speeches which have been delivered by the Provincial Ministers in Bengal and Sind exhibit a sense of irresponsibility which is amazing."

Obviously such events as have taken place in Calcutta, deplorable as they are, don't make any major difference to the course of events. What they do is to degrade our public life completely. The future of India or that of any other country is not going to be decided by gangster methods. Unfortunately even a small number of persons can, for a while, upset the life of a city if proper precautions are not taken. I am sure that a vast majority of Hindus and Muslims in Calcutta must deplore what has happened and must have kept away from it."

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BR. ARMY PLAN FOR RECRUITS FAILS

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter): The British Army plan for recruits failed, according to the military correspondent of the 'Sunday Times' to-day.

He says that Britain's foreign policy and the hitherto satisfactory demobilisation programme are seriously handicapped by poor response to the Army recruiting campaign, which so far has produced only 10,000 recruits. The pace of demobilisation and the rate of calling up of men were fixed early this year in the hope that at least 50 percent of the recruiting needs would have been achieved.

If there is not a speedy and dramatic change, a serious situation will face the Cabinet. The Army is already having to retain the men a little longer than the other services because of its vast policing commitments.

The position is not helped by the uncertainty which still prevails as to the present objective.

ARMY REQUIREMENTS

On the last day of the House of Commons sitting, Brigadier Low said that the Army required 100,000 men on short service engagements and 50,000 for the regular Army, all by December this year. This year, the Secretary to the War Office and it has been widely reprinted since in Service journals.

At the same time, it was reported that only 9,572 men had signed normal engagements and 1,488 joined on short service terms. I am now informed that it would be far more correct to say that men are required on a type of voluntary engagement at the rate of 10,000 a month until next March and since May have to come forward at a monthly rate of only 2,400. A statement clearing up this confusion may be issued later.

The target figure in any case has constantly to be reviewed in the light of experience of Britain's manpower needs to rebuild industry but inevitably the day will come when a firm decision will have to be made about the relative priorities of industry and the size of the Army.

Truman's Plans Not Acceptable To Arabs

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Reuter): Mr. Charles G. Ross, White House Press Secretary, confirmed at a Washington Press Conference last night that President Truman had sent to London "some suggestions which he thought might be useful on Palestine".

President Truman's plans—as outlined in earlier United States Press reports—were rejected by Mr. M. K. Khairy, Director of Washington Arab Office, who described them as "definitely unacceptable to Arab States and Arabs in Palestine".

President Truman's proposals are also thought to have been the subject of London discussion between Mr. George Hall, the British Colonial Secretary, and representative of the Jewish Agency, a message from Jerusalem said.

A Jewish Agency spokesman in Jerusalem described these discussions as resumption of contact between the Jewish Agency and the British Government.

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Bhopal's Call To Princes New Crisis In U.S. Industry

Tighten Belt In Service Of Your People

BHOPAL, Aug. 17. (A.P.): "The Princes have been conspicuous in service to their country in the past. There is no reason why they should not do the same in the future," said the Nawab of Bhopal, Chancellor of the Chamber of Princes, addressing a largely attended conference of Rulers and Ministers of Central India States, which has just concluded a two-day session at Indore under the presidency of the Nawab of Bhopal.

Reviewing the political situation in the country His Highness gave the conference a resume of negotiations with the Government of India.

SPEEDY INTRODUCTION OF REFORMS

Turning to the States, His Highness reiterated the importance of speedy introduction of internal reforms and said: "It is of utmost importance that we should proceed with internal reforms without any further delay. Earliest possible steps should be taken to bring about a minimum advance, the measure of association of the people with our administration which will conform to the spirit made by the Princes at the last session of the Chamber."

"It is not necessary that your Highnesses should copy the Westminster model or the Soviet form of Government or that of the United States of America. We must have our own model, best suited to our people and to local conditions. Models do not matter so long as the ruler decides to act through constitutional channels and the administration is conducted in accordance with the wishes of his people. Their needs and requirements should be fulfilled to the best of our ability, consistently with the resources at our disposal."

THEIR GLORIOUS PAST

Reminding the Princes of their glorious past, His Highness said "see what our ancestors did. They protected their people; they laid down their lives in their cause. They worked for them and lived for them."

That has been our past, and it is our duty to carry on the service of our people, if we regulate our private purses, provide for security of services in the State, ensure law, security of life and property, freedom of thought and conscience, and above all, gain peoples' goodwill and stand high in their affection, we can face the whole world with our heads well up. We can march forward with confidence in our future and our destiny."

His Highness concluded: "Your country needs you. You have the resources, you have the organisation and above all, you have the tradition, both Hindu and Islamic religious philosophy is there to guide you through difficult times. Both rulers and the ruled believe in that philosophy. If the Princes tighten their belt in the service of their people and stand for the cause of their country, the people will support and respect them and the Princes on their part would have done their duty—as is expected of every true son of the soil."

REGIONAL GROUPING FOR CENTRAL INDIA STATES

In his address, His Highness referred to the question of a regional grouping plan for the States of the Central India and said that as the Chancellor, it was his duty to make definite proposals to a regional conference and he could not commit himself to any line of action without the consent and authority of the Standing Committee and the Chamber of Princes. He would therefore, leave the working out of regional plans to the rulers themselves. The Nawab of Bhopal, however, recommended that the conference may appoint a committee to go into the question and place their proposals before another general conference of Princes of Central India.

A regional committee was appointed following the conclusion of the conference to study and make recommendations in regard to reforms. His Highness the Maharaja of Dewas (Junior) presiding, the committee consists of Their Highnesses of Barwanji, Panna and Kilchur, the Raja of Jobar, Maharajkumar Raghubir Singh (Bhopal), Mr. T. C. S. Jayaraman (Rewa), D. N. Bahadur Mr. Chandra Prasad, Mr. P. S. Shukla (Orcha) and Mr. Tribhuvandas Raja (Raipur). The Committee will report to the Chancellor.

OUR MEWAR LETTER

BAN ON MEWAR AHALKAR ASSN. LIFTED

(From Our Correspondent)
BHILWAR (Mewar). (By Mail.) Regular and unabashed black-marketing on the booking office windows is a common feature throughout the area, and passengers are put to great inconvenience. Tickets are added to the confusion.

Passengers have to obtain collective passes and such passes can rarely be obtained without bribing the clerks and the police. Passengers put up with all sorts of indignities and dare not complain for they have lost all hopes of justice at the hands of higher authorities.

Some counsel has prevailed at long last with the Mewar Government. In a recent notification they have withdrawn their decree of the suppression of the Mewar Ahalkar (clerks) association, which featured in the general strike of all the Government clerks in April last and which ended in a state of anarchy. A Mr. Hiralal Kothari (Vakil) a nominee of Pranjandani was unanimously elected. The first, elected President of the Municipality, said that the Mewar Ahalkar Association, which featured in the general strike of all the Government clerks in April last and which ended in a state of anarchy. A Mr. Hiralal Kothari (Vakil) a nominee of Pranjandani was unanimously elected. The first, elected President of the Municipality, said that the Mewar Ahalkar Association, which featured in the general strike of all the Government clerks in April last and which ended in a state of anarchy. A Mr. Hiralal Kothari (Vakil) a nominee of Pranjandani was unanimously elected. 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To-day
Hindu: Shrivastav 7, 2002.
Muslim: Ramjan 21, 1365.
Parsi: Aspanarmad 20, 1315.
Sunrise: 6-21 a. m. Sunset: 7-4 p. m.
High tide 04-05, 16-00, Low tide 09-40,
22-26.

Domestic Occurrence

UTHAMNA—Manorajna, wife of G. C. Shrivastav and daughter of M. V. Desai, Bar-at-Law, died on Sunday, the 18th August at 7 p. m. Uthamna ceremony on Monday, the 19th August at 5-30 p. m. (S. 7), at "Sornanda", Carmichael Road.

Today's Engagements

MAZDAKARAN: Prof. P. A. Wada will speak on "The values of life. Means and end" today at 6 p. m. at Alexandra Girls' School, Waudby Road.

Mr. Jannadas M. Mehta will speak on "International Outlook of Youth" at the Youngs Own Union at Cana Oriental Institute today at 6-15 p. m. VICHAR VIKAS MANDAL: Lecture by Mr. S. A. Dange, on "Constitutional Assembly" at Bombay Gymnasium, Parel at 9 p. m. today.

BOMBAY DISCUSSION GROUP today (Monday): Speaker—Dr. S. K. Muran. Topic: "The future of India." at 8 p. m. at "Sornanda", Carmichael Road.

UNITED PARSIS ASSOCIATION: Mr. K. M. Murchi, founder of the Bharat Vaya Bhuvan, will speak on "Promotion of Education in India" at the B.E.S.T. Hall, 210, 212, 214, Colaba Causeway, on Friday (August 23) at 6 p. m. The programme will include an exhibition of educational films (short talks).

B. P. HINDU SABHA: The elections of the Bombay Provincial Hindu Sabha for the New Year are as under: (President): Mr. A. H. Gadhre, Vice-Presidents: Dr. N. D. Savarkar, Mr. M. N. Talpade, Mr. N. H. Helekar, Mr. K. V. Khanvilkar, Dr. N. A. Deshmukh; (Treasurer): Mr. A. G. Vinze; (Gen. Secretary): Mr. G. B. Bhide; (Secretaries): Mr. K. V. Bodas, Mr. V. R. Gulavane and Mr. R. K. Nagarkar; (Working President): Mr. K. H. Dhamdhere.

"KALA-NINAD": The above institution has been organised at 4-5, Laxmisan, Girgaum Back Road, Bombay with a view to give educational help to deserving students and financial help to other charitable institutions by staging dramatic performances. The institution recently donated a sum of Rs. 101 to the I.N.A. Fund.

CHEE AND THE SALES TAX: The Secretary, Ghee Merchants' Association, writes:

According to the Bombay Sales Tax, pure ghee comes under the list of the taxed commodities. We, the Ghee Merchants' Association strongly protest against the said incidence of taxation on the following grounds:

(1) Ghee is already a costlier article of food for middle class. So when the tax is levied, the dearth will be imposed on the living of the average man.

(2) The vegetarians are in extreme need of such nutritive food as ghee.

(3) When milk, curds and butter (milk products) have been exempted, why should ghee be taxed?

(4) Sugar, gur etc., the necessities of life are exempted from the tax so the ghee should get the same treatment.

We are going to see the Secretary to Government, Finance Department very soon.

Municipal Election Roll

The "G" Ward District Congress Committee writes:

The Preliminary Bombay Municipal Election Rolls are now published and are kept in the office "G" Ward District Congress Committee and in the offices of the Talukha Congress Committee for inspection during office hours. All the residents in the "G" Ward (Mahim, Dadar, Lower Parel, Prabhadevi and Love Grove) who are of 21 years or more have a right to be included in the Voters' list. Those whose names do not appear in these rolls must immediately fill in their claim forms which are available at the office of the District and Talukha Committees of "G" Ward. The period of submitting the claims is upto 31st inst. Enrol today without any delay.

SILVER JUBILEE OF JAMIA MILLIA ISLAMIA

NEW DELHI, Aug. 18.—The Jamia is celebrating its Silver Jubilee from 15th to 19th November, 1946. Workers in the educational field will attend from all over country. Among other things, there will be Conferences for understanding the educational and cultural problems facing the Mussalmans as well as exhibition and Mushtara.

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Stall-Holders On War Path

Will Not Pay Increased Rents: Appeal To Govt. To Intervene

BOMBAY, Sunday: At a meeting of the Bombay Municipal Market's stall holders' Association, this morning under the presidency of Mr. A. S. Jhabwala, it was resolved that all the stall holders of Bombay should resist the imposition by the Municipal Corporation of any increase in stall rents in the Crawford Market.

The resolution instructed the stall holders that while they should continue payment of the original rents, they should refuse to pay the increased rents until a final settlement of the question was arrived at. They should be prepared to make all possible sacrifices before they could reach a satisfactory settlement.

The meeting regretted that the Standing Committee of the Municipal Corporation had resorted to a coercive measure by raising the stall rents in the Crawford Market, without even giving the stall holders Association sufficient opportunity to present their case to them.

The meeting urged upon the Government of Bombay to intervene in the matter "before all markets in the city are seriously affected and social peace is disturbed."

The annual rent for all the stalls together in the Crawford Crawford Market it is noted had originally been nearly Rs. 2,24,000. According to the new rates of rents, the amount will come to nearly Rs. 4,88,000. The Municipality have at present decided to make the increase only in the Crawford Market as an experiment. In future, they may increase the rents in other markets of the city also.

The stall holders' Association has a strength of about 2,500 members, which is the total complement of the stall holders in the 22 Municipal Markets in the city. Any action resorted to by the Association may involve the entire lot of the stall holders of these markets.

Mr. Jhabwala announced at the meeting the formation of a Volunteer Corps for the stall holders Association, to implement the future decisions of the Association.

Petrol Coupons To Private Cars and Motor Cycles

A New Delhi Press note says: The attention of the Central Government has been drawn to the section which has received publicity in the Press that the Department of the Government of India dealing with Petrol Rationing has been unable to calculate petrol coupon requirements for the doubling of the basic ration of private cars and motor cycles and were awaiting orders from the Government before issuing these coupons. This is not correct.

The fact is that arrangements have been made for the supply of extra coupons required in connection with the doubling of the basic ration for private cars and motor cycles. It is only in connection with extra coupons required for vehicles other than private cars and motor cycles that the Government are awaiting orders from the Government before issuing these coupons. These orders were called for on August 3, 1946.

Milk and Casein Plastics

We have received the following from Hindustan Plastic Industries:

"We would like your attention to the remarks on 'Casein Plastics' in an article appearing in your issue of the 10th August 1946 under caption 'Off My Chest' by Mr. D. F. Karaka. The article which requires for human consumption is not being used directly by the industry as the writer tries to bring out. Casein is a waste by-product which is brought out in the process of manufacturing cream from milk.

The usage of this material in our industry is practically negligible when compared to the quantities utilised for the manufacture of glue in plywood industry and to the quantities exported. In the circumstances we do not at all think that we would be giving added headache for the Milk Controller or for the department concerned. Where after all do we count in the mighty ocean of casein that is being produced in the various centres in India.

In conclusion, we would like to bring home to the writer that casein 'does not mean milk' that is wholesome, but only a waste by-product extracted out of it."

Nehru Foresees

INDIA AS CENTRE OF ASIATIC FEDERATION

BOMBAY, Aug. 15 (AP).—"In the future, India is bound to be the Centre of a very big Federation of the countries of Asia," said Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, addressing the members of the Indian Council of World Affairs tonight.

Explaining the scope of an "Inter-Asian Relations Conference" which is proposed to be convened by the Indian Council of World Affairs some time in January or February next year, Pandit Nehru declared "many persons think that in the course of the next generation or so, the idea of a World Federation will materialise."

Pandit Nehru explained that in an Asiatic Federation the problems of India would take a different shape. The communal problem of India, for instance, becomes completely different, if you think of it in terms of a large Federation of which India is the Centre."

Kerala Youth Congress

The Working Committee meeting of the Kerala Youth Congress, Bombay, was held recently under the presidency of Mr. T. R. Ayyappan. The committee accepted the resignation tendered by Dr. Mr. Balan, General Secretary of the organization and Mr. A. N. Nair was unanimously elected General Secretary in his place. Mr. Sudhakaran, one of the Committee members was expelled from it in consequence of his absence from its three consecutive meetings and Mr. K. T. Subramanian was co-opted in his place.

Stamping Out Illiteracy

S. K. Patil On Congress Govt's Two-Year Scheme

The determination of the Congress Government to stamp out illiteracy from Bombay Province was related to by Mr. S. K. Patil, President of the B.P.C.C., replying to an address presented to him by the South Indian Education Society, Matunga, on Saturday, Mr. K. S. Ramachandran presided.

Mr. Patil said: "Illiteracy is the greatest curse to India but within the next two years the Congress Government will make an all-out effort to end this curse by educating every citizen in Bombay. Whatever the cost may be."

He continued: "We have recommended to the Government of Bombay an educational scheme which will cost the Province no less than 25 lakhs of rupees, but this scheme would ensure the removal of ignorance among the citizens within two years. When there shall not be a single uneducated individual, the Government will also pass a law under which an adult who has not the requisite primary education either in the mills or factories will be thrown out of jobs. This would mean that all mills and factories will have to educate their employees at their own cost."

Mr. Patil said he was grateful to the South Indians for the honour done to him. He always held them in high esteem because, whenever the Congress made an appeal for their support their response was always wonderful. South India, he said, contributed more to the traditions of Mahatma Gandhi than any other of her sister provinces.

The address was presented in a silver casket. It evoked his service and his enlightened interest in the city's affairs and also paid a tribute to his organising capacity.

Kher Inaugurates

V.J.T.I.'s TEXTILE DEGREE COURSE

Mr. B. G. Kher, Prime Minister of Bombay, inaugurated the Textile Degree Course of the Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute on Sunday and congratulated the Institute for the progress it has made.

Speaking about industrial development Mr. Kher said that the impact of two successive world wars and the rapid strides made in industrial development in this country had brought home to every one that technical education was the urgent need of India today. He suggested that in view of the vast programmes of reconstruction and industrial expansion in other parts of the world it was essential that both equipment and technical education should be made available in India if industrial progress was to achieve reality. This growing demand for technical education was an opportunity and responsibility for existing institutions of technical training and the V. J. T. I. as one of the oldest institutions of its kind, had a very important role to play in this connection.

Concluding Mr. Kher said that the National Government of free India would no doubt lay down its policy as regards the big-scale and cottage industries of the country but for proper development, a good deal of technical knowledge and skill were necessary and Indians must not be compelled to depend upon foreign countries to provide this.

Mr. F. B. Advani, Chairman of the Board of Management of the Institute, welcomed Mr. Kher and gave a brief history of the progress made by the Institute during the last 55 years.

Air Pilgrims For Mecca

DAR-ES-SALAAM, August 18 (A. P. I.): Twenty-seven South African Indians passed through here yesterday aboard a chartered British Overseas Airways Corporation flying-boat on a pilgrimage to Mecca, via Kharoum. This costly and luxurious method of pilgrimage contrasts greatly with the normal method of travelling by dhows.

TODAY ON RADIO

MONDAY, August 19.

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, Aug. 18 (A.P.I.): Following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hrs. from 1st June 1946 and departure from normal recorded at 08-00 hrs. (I.S.T.) on 18th August 1946:-

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Delhi	89 79 0.3 18.1	plus
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Hyderabad (Sd.)	89 82 0.3 13.5	plus
Karachi	86 81 0.3 8.8	minus
Madras	85 79 0.1 21.2	plus
Mahabubnagar	80 74 1.2 12.9	plus
Mangalore	80 74 0.1 15.3	plus
Poona	80 71 0.5 15.3	plus
Rajkot	85 76 0.1 18.9	minus
Sholapur	86 72 1.4 17.3	plus
Simsa	71 60 0 31.3	minus
Surat	85 77 0.3 45.3	plus

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
Nothing touches the soul but leaves its impress, and thus little by little we are fashioned into the image of all we have seen and heard, known and meditated. And if we learn to live with all that is fairest and purest and best, the love of it all will, in the end, become our very life.
—Bishop Spalding.

The Bombay Chronicle

CONGRESS AND LABOUR

In view of the alarming prevalence of strikes all over the country the Congress Working Committee has found it necessary to issue a statement suggesting ways to improve the relations between employees and employers, and has also adopted a resolution urging Congressmen to utilise the Hindustan Mazdoor Sevaks Sangh for the service of the working class. The Committee views with deep concern the large number of avoidable strikes, entailing heavy material loss and serious hardships to the community as well as the working class. It recognises that the labour unrest is due largely to "the tremendous economic maladjustments created by the war, especially excessive rise in the cost of living that has remained uncompensated to a very large extent" and that "labour troubles have been aggravated by total absence of a well-defined national plan or policy in dealing with claims of this class." It is clear, therefore, that the unrest will not be substantially remedied till a sound National Plan is adopted by the country and more equitable adjustments are made between wages and cost of living and also between wages and profits.

But the most urgent problem is the averting of settlements of strikes likely to crop up in a new economic regime is inaugurated. To this end the Congress rightly urges Government and employers in the country "to take early steps to satisfy legitimate needs and aspirations of working class and remove every cause of genuine discontent by arranging for impartial examination of conditions and complaints of employees and by prompt settlement of disagreement by a process of conciliation and arbitration." At the same time Congress points out to the workers that "avoidable strikes cannot be the backing of public opinion, in view of dire need of the country for more goods and services and that 'hasty' or illogical stoppages or refusal to take advantage of available means of settlement by negotiation, conciliation and arbitration constitute a distinct disservice to the community and the working class itself." Particularly objectionable are avoidable strikes in industries or services which are essential for the existence of the community and its smooth administration. It is true, as the Congress Committee points out, that some strikes are due to the efforts of certain individuals and sections to exploit the ignorance of workers and the need of the community for ulterior aims, political or other. But in such cases the workers ought to be most wary and consult responsible labour leaders and organisations known to be working for labour welfare and industrial peace.

One such organisation has been specifically mentioned and commended by the Working Committee to all Congressmen seeking labour welfare. It is the Hindustan Mazdoor Sevaks Sangh, which has served labour for more than 20 years and "has built up a policy, tradition and machinery well calculated to advance and fulfil the aims which the Congress has in view in relation to labour." It is a pity that so far Congress has not given to labour problems the attention they demand and thereby left the field clear to other bodies. In view of the growing responsibilities of the Congress, political and other, and the harm that may be caused to the workers themselves as well as the public by the exploiting of labour discontent by inexperienced or over-zealous advisers, it is necessary for Congress to extend the activities of the Hindustan Mazdoor Sevaks Sangh to labour centres all over the country.

Frankly Speaking

Indian Resistors in Jail

There is sitting in Durban a South African—white, of course—Penal Reform Commission, under the leadership of a Justice C. W. R. Lansdown. A deputation of the Natal Indian Congress appeared to give evidence but, before it could do so, the worthy Chairman, Justice Lansdown, appears to have thought fit to choke off the deputations in advance with the warning: "This is not a forum for any political grievances." That was a revelation of the character and mental attitude of the South African Whites, which the South African Whites, who the former of the instances of the brutal treatment of Indian resistors, women as well as men, are being subjected in the jails. The warden and wardresses, the actual culprits, cannot deliberately misbehave towards the inmates of their own accord. They are clearly being instigated by their white superiors. Justice Lansdown has been enough to make a note of the allegations. He could, as we say, help doing so though we are not very much hopeful of the result of "inquiries" which the Commission has promised to make.

Who is Guilty?

Having thus disposed of the details, Justice Lansdown finally indicated himself by declaring that he did not think any difference could be made between political and criminal offenders. Anti-Indian discrimination between Whites and Indians in South Africa is all right, but discrimination between Indian political offenders and ordinary criminals is not reasonable and, as we say, help doing so though we are not very much hopeful of the result of "inquiries" which the Commission has promised to make.

Being Disillusioned?

President Truman is beginning to open his eyes to the realities of Palestine. But not quite. Formerly he lived in the blissful ignorance that there was no problem and that nothing was simpler or easier than the conversion of Palestine into a Jewish land. The Arabs did not matter at all. Now he has begun to realise that they do exist and cannot be ignored. He has come to the conclusion that no solution of the Palestine problem can satisfy all parties. He is now trying to solve this discovery of the obvious long ago. But even now his eyes are not fully open. He is, like the British, trying to solve the problem by the same, but a different more pro-Zionist methods. It will not succeed. The only solution has been rejected by both the Arabs and the Jews and we are not surprised.

The Only Solution

There is no such thing as a Palestine problem until it was solved by complicity, irresponsible and cynical statesmen during and immediately after World War One. They sought to give Arab Palestine to foreign Jews living in the Diaspora and professing no matter what nationality and citizenship. The theory involved a fundamental and absolutely irreconcilable conflict between the Jewish and the Arab peoples, who have belonged for centuries to the same land and those to whom it did not and does not belong but to whom the British and the Americans sought, with gratuitous and ungrateful generosity to award it. It is an Anglo-American-Zionist created "problem" based upon an impossible and fantastic theory. And the only solution is that the British and Americans should have the courage to give up the theory and concede Arab sovereign rights to Palestine. As to the problem of the Jews not even two Palestines twice as big as the present country can help. We can solve that problem by the opening up of America and the British Commonwealth to unrestricted Jewish immigration if, that is, Britain, America and Russia lack the courage to honour their war time pledges and to make Europe safe for its Jewish nationals.

Oil War in Austria

VIENNA, Aug. 18. (A.P.I.): Austria, except the Soviet-held eastern provinces, was on the verge of a complete oil embargo against the Russians with the oil from the great Zisterdorf fields for the Western Allied armies and the Austrians as well.

Austria's sole source of fuel oil is the Zisterdorf field proposed for nationalisation by act of the Austrian Legislature but held and claimed by Russia on the contention that it was a German asset.

MRS. ASAF ALI
NEW DELHI, Aug. 18. (A.P.I.): Mrs. Aruna Asaf Ali left for Madras this afternoon by the Grand Trunk Express on her tour of the province.

RAJA MAHENDRA PRATAP
NEW DELHI, Aug. 18. (A.P.I.): Raja Mahendra Pratap is expected to visit Delhi in the middle of September. The Delhi Provincial Congress Committee has decided to accord him a reception.

Indians Have Won Their Battle Against Imperial Power

CONGRESS CAN SECURE JINNAH'S CO-OPERATION BY OFFERING HIM PRESIDENCY OF CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY

(By H. N. Brailsford)

LONDON.
At last, as we read news in London, it looks as if India's feet are moving rapidly along the road to independence. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru has been entrusted with the formation of a National Government, and although in law it will be still the Viceroy's Council, no one can be deceived by its form.

Pandit Nehru will present his list of Ministers to the King and it is Pandit Nehru who will deal directly with Mr. Jinnah in an effort to form a coalition with the Muslim League. This is a new event and a new procedure, which means and for the time in history, India will govern herself as a democracy at the centre.

We in London do not suppose the negotiations will be easy, but, however they end, the great Indian party will take charge of its country's destinies; morally our responsibility is then ended. After this step, there can be no going back; foreign rule is a thing of the past.

It would be difficult to exaggerate the gains of this first step. A task less before the Congress than will test its moral stature; it has to win the co-operation of the Muslim League in building the Free India of tomorrow. Difficult as this will be, it is for the first time a hopeful undertaking. So long as the British rulers stood between the two Indian communities, hindering the development of the complications of the triangular relationship were too difficult for human nature.

Even when the suggestions that came from the British were wise and well-meant, memories were aroused of the old game of Divide and Rule. Today this phase is over. Whatever the Congress does, it will do on its own initiative. It is so manifestly the master of the situation that it can afford to be conciliatory, fearless of seeming to be weak.

That it is bracing its mind for the task of conciliation we all understood when we read the frank and generous resolution issued by its Working Committee from Wardha.

Everyone grasps what in concrete terms this task of conciliation means. Muslims must be persuaded to give up their seats in the Constituent Assembly and join in a constructive spirit in its work. What is formidable in Mr. Jinnah's tactics is not so much the threat of Direct Action as his ability to boycott the Assembly.

It could no doubt meet, even if League's benches were empty. But without the consent of the Muslim masses, what moral authority could the new constitution claim? Even if it could come into being, what prospects of acceptance or finality could it boast? To avoid this disaster, wise men will use all the will and imagination they possess.

The study of history teaches us that when a group of men behaves unreasonably, it is usually driven by fear. What the Muslims feared when they took to advocating Pakistan and separation, were firstly, the superior numbers of the Hindus; and secondly their supremacy in industry and finance.

PROTECTION FOR MUSLIMS
They came to feel a sense of inferiority, which acted as a corrosive. It is this fear that the Congress has to remove. Until this is done the communities will never manage to work happily together, nor will the Indian Union become a living reality.

The Muslim question is a fact of numbers—should have been solved by the Mission's proposal that for a decision of any major communal issue, a majority of both the communities will be consulted. The Muslims, who have been protected in the Assembly, there and elsewhere in the interim Government for example—must be recognised as a distinct and separate group in India's evolution. The two communities must walk in step only by mutual consent.

FEAR OF HINDU DOMINATION
The other fear of Hindu domination in the field of industry and finance is not more difficult to cope with. The Muslims' lack of training, habits and traditions that lead to success in industry and finance.

CASE OF GROUPING
So it happens that when they look at great concentrations of wealth and power in Hindu hands, they feel oppressed.

They argue, therefore, that if they had power to plan the economic life of Pakistan, they would remedy this grievance. Something could be done by education and more by socialising the institutions that confer economic power: banks, insurance companies, hydro-electric schemes. Provincial autonomy is not enough for their purposes; they want to do their planning on a larger scale. That is the rational case for grouping of Provinces.

For in the three provinces of the dislike of the Congress to the idea of Pakistan as the League preached it, it meant denial of India's unity and it was based on a communal ideology. The first objections have been removed; there will be an Indian Union.

But this means adoption of economic planning for this region. If you are going to control Power, you cannot ignore the industries that depend on it. Here is a constructive way in this region for removing inferiority. Happily, it promises as much gain to the Sikhs and the Hindus as to the Muslims.

I venture then to make a suggestion to my Congress friends. It is that they should go into Group "B" when the Assembly meets, with this positive and constructive idea. If the League will meet them halfway, then so far from resisting and obstructing the formation of this Group they should help it and give it a beneficial form.

No harm would be done to India's unity in this way. On the contrary, it is only so that the habit of friendly co-operation can be fostered. The reader may object that the League has other things in mind and would not be satisfied with the creation of a "Tennessee Valley Authority" for the rivers of the North-West. It wants to foster Islamic culture. By all means, let it do so. That will enrich the Indian civilisation—provided, of course, that perfect toleration of Muslim civil rights for men of all creeds.

Then it will ask for something of the dignity of statehood—its own President, its own flag. Something we must concede to sentiment and romance, if in this way the loyalty of Muslim and Hindu women and men, Flag and President of the Indian Union, where would be the harm? In

IN THE HOLY LAND OF PALESTINE

By Louis Fischer

JERUSALEM. (By Cable): The Holy Land of the religions is being defiled by the people who live in it. Cities are full of pill boxes, fortifications, barbed wire, and road blocks. Military vehicles dash madly through villages and towns at all hours of the day and night. There is one British soldier in Palestine for every six Jewish men, women and children. The Jews are going out except in pairs and never without arms, usually light and dead-end tommyguns.

A four-way boycott embitters the complicated problem. The British boycott the Jews, the Jews boycott the British and the Arabs and the Arabs boycott the Jews.

An Arab maid told her Jewish mistress, "I've seen a beautiful rock in a Jewish house which will give you money to buy one for me. If I were seen in a Jewish shop I'd be in trouble with my friends."

The Arab tradesman removes his Arab dress so as not to be recognised when he visits a Jewish lawyer. A Jewish journalist pointed out to a couple in a restaurant, "She is a traitor," he said with feeling. "She is a Jewess and married an Englishman."

I upbraided him for his racist attitude. "A month ago I would have felt differently. Now the British are out to ruin us," he said. "The Jews of Palestine were fervently for war from 1939 to 1945. They were against Hitler, they enlisted in the British Army in considerable numbers and rendered invaluable intelligence services to the British in the Middle East."

The British authorities fully expressed their gratitude to the Jews. During the long period of hostilities relations between British troops and Jewish families and individuals were most cordial. Tens of thousands of Englishmen enjoyed the hospitality of Jewish homes.

The irony of fate! All changed when peace returned. I interviewed Major General Argue at his division headquarters in Jaffa. I asked how old he was. He said 49. I asked where he served previously. He said, "I fought my way into Germany and was a unit leader for months ago." I asked about internationalization in Germany and Palestine. He said, "Oh, there's a good deal of internationalization between our men and the Germans. There is none here between our men and the Jews. When British personnel pass through Jewish towns or agricultural settlements they never get a smile."

BARKER'S BAN.
Fraternization between Jews was officially prohibited to the British by order, in late July, of Lt. Gen. Evelyn H. Barker, commander of the British troops in Palestine.

our little island the Welsh and Scots have their own symbols and flags. This, however, is only half of my suggestion. If the Congress were in this positive way to help on the formation of Group "B", it may well bring in return, the worst defect of the Mission's plan for the Indian Union is that customs and tariffs were omitted from its subjects. They can be brought in as the method by which the revenues of the Union will be raised, but this can be done only with the free consent of the Muslims.

The case for it is overwhelming. If All-India forms a single market, it can bargain with other powers in trade agreements very much more effectively than it could do if it were broken into several units.

Again, if India were to be intersected by cactus hedges of hostile tariffs barriers, the Union would be no more than a name and an ironical name at that. But I realised during a talk with Mr. Jinnah how difficult it will be for him to make this concession. It can be done only in an atmosphere of goodwill and in return for a substantial equivalent. Will the League grant it if the Congress on its side aids them to form a North-Western Group in the spirit of genuine friendship?

I am aware that I may be irritating my readers. It is easy for a detached foreigner to write in his way. Others will remember the violent language, unjust charges and ugly threats which the League has used against the Congress. Unless we can be big enough to forget these things, there will be no Indian Union. Indians have won their battle against imperial power; what they have now to win is victory over their Muslim. Fears that harm the Muslims can be banished only by generosity.

HOW TO SECURE JINNAH'S CO-OPERATION
I will risk yet another suggestion. If Mr. Jinnah can be won for the policy of co-operation, would it not be wise to offer him presidency of the Constituent Assembly? If there is in him a view of magnanimity, this act of trust would make of him a man more than he has hitherto seemed to be.

THE JEWS OF PALESTINE are admittedly more cultured and advanced than the Arabs and Barker realized, as he said in the letter which is already historic, that these measures will inflict some hardships upon the troops but I am certain that if my reasons are fully explained to them they will understand their property and will be punishing the Jews in the way the Jews dislike more than any: by striking their pockets and showing our contempt for them.

This is pure Nazism. Speaking in Commons, Herbert Morrison asserted that the British Government "disassociated itself" from Barker's order. Some of the highest British civilian officials in Palestine are ashamed of Barker's Hitlerite sentiments. The whole matter is to-day poison on their mind. The general staff and it is expected that after a polite interval the racist general will be kicked upstairs. The rumour is that he may become Governor of Bengal.

GLASTY OUTRAGE
An occasion of Barker's usage was the ghastly and criminal outrage of July 22 when unknown, still unnamed Jewish terrorists blew up a hotel—the finest in the Middle East—which housed important government offices. Ninety-one officials, many of top rank, including Julius and Ethel Levy, British Jews with pro-Zionist leanings, were killed. Hundreds were hurt. It took days to extract the bodies and parts of bodies from the tangled debris.

Jerusalem's beauty is marred by the wreck of the King David. I left India at one minute past midnight on a Thursday morning. The same morning, nine hours later, after a non-stop flight of 2,079 miles in a British Lancaster, I landed in Palestine. The psychological and emotional dualism of the King David episode on the previous Monday was not yet settled. The British were livid with justifiable rage. The Jewish community was shocked. Numerous Jews whom I met were depressed at the idea that their co-religionists were capable of such indiscriminate wanton murder. Almost all Zionists saw this as a sharp setback to their cause. The Jewish press of Palestine excoriated the terrorists.

The British Jew and many liberal Englishmen in Palestine expressed indignation against the assertion in Barker's letter that "the Jewish community of Palestine cannot be absolved of the responsibility for the long series of outrages culminating in the blowing up of a large part of the Government offices in the King David Hotel, causing grievous loss of life." I am determined that they shall suffer punishment and be made aware of the contempt and loathing with which we regard their conduct. We must not allow ourselves to be deceived by the hypocritical sympathy shown by their leaders and representatives. The bodies of the Jews who were in no way responsible for the acts as they are unable to control the terrorists. I repeat, if the Jewish public really wanted to stop these crimes they could do so by active co-operation with us.

A German Brigade was moving

NINE KILLED IN EXPLOSION

HAMBURG, August 18 (Reuters): Nine people were killed in an explosion which sank the steamer Polux between Neustadt and Pelsner on the Baltic coast of Holstein, the British News Service in Germany reported today.

The ship loaded with 238 tons of German bombs was carrying its cargo towards a dumping place in the sea by order of the British military authorities.

THEY DISAPPEAR IN YUGOSLAV TERRITORY

TRIESTE, August 18 (Reuters): Eight British soldiers and seven German war prisoners driving in army trucks to Lazzaretto on the coast, disappeared two days ago and have not been heard of since.

EUROPEAN REFS TO GO INTO OPPOSITION

Cue From Molotov's Speech At Paris Conference
LONDON, Aug. 18. (Reuters): Communist parties of Western Europe are all preparing for possible return to opposition in the near future, writes Reuters' special correspondent.

The Paris talks between Signor Palmiro Togliatti, leader of the Italian Communist Party, and French Communist leaders has been party concerned in the opinion of Labour experts in London, with the working out of a common attitude for the eventuality. These preparations may be seen in Signor Togliatti's refusal to take a personal share in Italy's new republican Government, in his statement to party activists that he did not believe that the Government would carry out the joint programme agreed by all the main parties, and now in Communist attacks on Premier Alcide de Gasperi's speech at the Paris Conference.

In France, Communist opposition to the draft constitution and the talk-out of Communist jurors from the High Court dealing with prominent treason cases are regarded in these Labour circles in the same light. In Belgium, the Communist Party has refused in principle to join any coalition with the Catholic Christian Social Party. In a part, though such a broadening to the right seems to be looked on as inevitable by many Belgian politicians.

THE REASONS for a return to opposition may lie in foreign and domestic politics. M. Vycheslav Molotov's speech at the Paris Conference, in both cases rejecting the proposals approved at the Paris Conference, has been a severe blow to the French plans for the Ruhr and made charges against the Italian Government at the Paris Conference, in both cases rejecting the proposals approved at the Paris Conference, in both cases rejecting the proposals approved at the Paris Conference.

On the domestic side, Communists who enjoy almost complete control in the Czech Republic and Yugoslavia find that the mediating role of the Government Party is increasingly difficult to combine with that position.

An official statement announcing this today adds that it is believed that the trucks had their way and way the road to the Yugoslav border. The Allies have informed the Yugoslav Mission of the disappearance.

through an Italian village. A shot rang out. The Nazi commando, one of the entire village, and killed or transported most of the inhabitants. Taking hostages or punishing all for the crimes of a few is a sure and an expedient of totalitarianism.

Palestine is in a state of war. It threatens to become a police state. The British Civilian administration has resisted this development. The civilian officials and the military are at odds on many key issues.

Every Jewish daily in Palestine, where published in Hebrew or English, must submit in advance to British censorship each word printed; even advertisements and non-political material are censored before publication.

Barker occupies a luxurious villa in Jerusalem. He has taken over several nearby homes occupied by Jews. The reason is presumably that somebody might shoot at him from those houses.

TELETYPE

WITHOUT COMMENT

"Justice Lansdown concurred with the (Natal) Indian Congress deputation that there should be distinction between first and second offenders, but did not think any difference could be made between political and criminal offenders."

Durban Report.
In the opinion of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the fundamental basis of a constitution for the States at for the whole of India is that power and responsibility and ultimate sovereignty must rest with the people.

Non-sense, Power, responsibility and sovereignty must rest with the people. Under the avaricious to be questioned authority of sacred Treaty Rights.

According to a press report, Mr. Jinnah made it clear to the Congress President that if Lord Wavell had commissioned the latter to fill all the seats in the Interim Government, he, Mr. Jinnah, could not tolerate the position.

We could have told Jawaharlal that even before he sent his letter by special messenger to Bombay.

In his message to the Indonesian Republic, Mr. Ahmed K. H. Jaffer, the prominent Muslim League M.L.A. (Central), says: "Here in India we are on the threshold of complete independence. Ours has been long and arduous..."

Hiello, hello! What's that?
Ride to Calcutta. The main news story in most of the London and British Provincial daily Newspapers, cables Reuters.

We congratulate the London and Provincial papers on getting what they had been striving for.

"I unreservedly condemn the acts of violence and deeply sympathize with those who have suffered" in Calcutta, M. A. Jinnah.

Meanwhile, Noon, Jinnah, Press and pamphlets are to go on as they have unreservedly been going on.

We read a pretty longish article on "The Puzzle That Is Sud." Sud, in fact, is rather an obvious riddle dropped in an open mystery inside a palpable enigma. If you don't believe it, ask Mr. Ghanim Hussein Hidayatullah and Sir Francis Mudie.

"An international regime in the Cardanella can alone prevent the independence of Turkey becoming the cause of open conflict between Russia and Britain," says the "Manchester Guardian."

The question of the internationalisation of Gibraltar, or the English Channel, obviously does not arise. There is no conflict between Big Powers and no independence of a small power involved in which dual case alone should independence be saved by subjecting it to internationalisation.

According to M. Dimitrov, the famous Communist leader, the international role of the Soviet Union has grown as a result of the second world war.

Of course, it has, as the whole world knows.

Indeed, even Mr. Pirok Khan Noon himself has graciously recognised it.

SMALLEST BABY ON RECORD

NEW YORK, August 17. (Reuters): The smallest baby on record—a tiny boy no bigger than a kitten—born in New Rochelle, New York State, on Thursday night is still alive today.

Doctors, cautiously avoiding the opinion that the child is the smallest to survive in modern medical history.

The surgeon who delivered the two month, premature baby, estimated its weight at one pound and said that he had not dared to take the time to weigh the infant, but placed it in an incubator.

The child, the first baby of a 29-year-old mother and her husband a few years older, is normal in every respect and is expected to survive.

Research On Painless Birth
LONDON, August 17. Research into all forms of painless childbirth is to be conducted by a specialist at a London hospital with a view to finding the best method to be adopted in Britain's new health service, says the "News Chronicle."

Every doctor will be placed under the specialist's disposal by the Ministry of Health.

It is likely that method of analgesia never before practised in Britain will be introduced to see how they compare with the "painless birth" facilities now available to mothers-to-be at most of the large hospitals. A midwife to assist the specialist will be provided by the College of Midwives who are founding a research scholarship at a cost of £600.

MADRAS MINISTRY WILL STOP TO RACING & GAMBLING
MADRAS, August 17. (A.P.I.): Government would do their best to put a stop to racing and gambling within the shortest possible time, declared Mr. Prakasam, Prime Minister in the Madras Legislative Assembly today when he continued his consideration of the budget.

Mr. Prakasam said: "personally I will be the first man to do away with horse racing. If I were free I could do that decision now and now. But the members of the House should keep in mind the difficulties with which we are faced financially and otherwise. I assure you that we will do our best to put a stop to all kinds of evil."

CAMPFIRE WORKERS' STRIKE
CAMPFIRE, Aug. 17. (A.P.I.): About a thousand workers of Messrs Cooper Allen and Company went on strike.

The workers demand recognition of their Union by the employers.

600 KILLED IN CALCUTTA RIOTING?

Repeated Instances Of Firing By Police

RELIEF WORKERS GIVE GRUESOME ACCOUNTS

Clashes In Suburbs: Women And Children Being Evacuated

CALCUTTA, Aug. 18. (A.P.I.): The "Eastern Express" gives this morning the casualties in rioting in Calcutta as six hundred killed and 2,500 injured.

The situation continued tense at night in many parts of the city. Early this morning firing has been reported from some places.

In Lansdowne Road area of South Calcutta the position was tense at night. There were repeated instances of firing but casualties are not known. The situation is disturbed in Entally and Sealdah but the stretch of Lower Circular Road in between was comparatively quiet. There was firing at about 7-30 this morning in Bentinck Street to disperse a crowd that had repeatedly gathered and attempted to set fire to a house.

ONE KILLED IN DALHOUSIE SQ. FIRING

There was firing near the Bankshall Police Court in Dalhousie Square area this morning. One person was killed. The incident occurred when excited people were rushing towards Bentinck Street where a house had been surrounded and attempts were being made to set it on fire. The situation in both areas is quiet now, some rounds having been fired in Bentinck Street also to disperse the mob.

Attempts were made last evening to set on fire a South Indian hotel on Chittaranjan Avenue. The fire was extinguished but many residents had to move out and some are in hospital.

NEED FOR MORE INTENSIVE MILITARY PATROLLING

Mr. Kiran Sankar Roy, leader of the Bengal Congress Parliamentary Party told the Associated Press of India to-day that more intensive police and military patrolling was necessary.

At present patrols were just passing through affected areas and as soon as they had gone mobs regathered. Considerable excitement prevailed in Taltola throughout the night. Looting is reported from the locality this morning.

CLASHES IN SUBURBS
Information has been received from Batanagar that there was trouble in the locality but the police brought it under control. Batanagar is about 12 miles from Calcutta and it is not known whether the disturbance there was communal in character or how it originated.

There were clashes in Maheshtala, Akra, Santoshpore and Matiabruz, all suburbs of Calcutta, when a party of hoodlums was proceeding towards Budge Budge. They were dispersed by the police. About a score of persons were injured and all have been admitted to hospital.

PASSENGERS STRANDED

Three persons were injured seriously yesterday when a motor bus was raided by a mob in Howrah. The condition of all the three is serious. Many passengers arriving in Calcutta from outside are stranded at Sealdah and Howrah stations. No conveyances are available at either station and in Sealdah area there have been clashes. Passengers can sometimes be seen walking warily into Calcutta in small groups, mostly carrying their own luggage.

The Hindu Mahasabha arranged last night for shelter for many passengers from Sealdah.

There was a clash between two groups near Ballygunge level crossing last evening in which over a score of people were seriously injured. The Moulali, which was the scene of much trouble yesterday, was quiet late at night. The situation there is peaceful now, and military cars are patrolling the area.

TRAIN SERVICE AFFECTED

No train left Sealdah station after 7 yesterday morning, owing to the disturbances. The only train that will leave Sealdah to-day, according to information available at the moment, is one at midday towards Bangaon on the Khulna line. A shuttle service between Bangaon and Khulna stations is however being maintained. Trains beyond Agarpara on the main line are running.

Only three trains on the mainline—namely Darjeeling and Dacca Mails and the North Bengal Express—arrived at Sealdah station yesterday.

Train services on the Bengal Nagpur and East Indian Railways are not affected.

ALL-COMMUNITY PEACE PROCESSION

A peace procession of Hindus, Muslims and other communities passed through Mowiali and Taltola areas this afternoon, carrying Congress, Muslim League and White Flag and raising the unity slogan "Hindu-Muslim Ek Ho." Mowiali and Taltola have been among the worst-affected areas in Central Calcutta.

Members of Hindu and Muslim communities met at Mowiali Durga at 11 this morning and conferred on how peace and tranquillity could be brought back. The result was the peace procession which started shortly before midday and toured the areas.

As the procession passed through white flags were hoisted from roadside buildings and the Mowiali British military posted at the Mowiali

Wardha Lead Removes Fears

Azad Deplores League's Rejection Of Congress Hand Of Friendship

NEW DELHI, Aug. 18. (A.P.I.): Maulana Abul Kalam Azad in an interview to-day said:

"In spite of the acceptance of the Long-term plan of the Cabinet Mission by the Congress, the Muslim League Council was swayed by apprehension and doubt. To remove its apprehensions and leave no room for doubts the Congress Working Committee in its Wardha session reiterated its acceptance and carried its position. All impartial observers agree that the Congress attitude is so clear, conciliatory and reasonable that no party can hereafter have any excuse for misunderstanding.

"In the meantime, after the League's rejection of the Long-term plan, the Short-term plan, the Viceroy invited the Congress, as in terms of the Cabinet Mission's proposals was being to form the interim Government. It is well-known that the Congress rejected the Short-term plan as the invitation to it was laced with conditions the Congress could not accept, but the new invitation by the Viceroy was unconditional and the Congress was free to make any proposals it liked.

"In its attempt to conciliate the League and other minorities the Congress has, however, refrained from such a course and is prepared to form the Government on the same basis as before, namely, a cabinet of 14 with six representatives of the Congress, five of the League and three of other minorities. The League had definitely accepted this structure of the Cabinet and in fact insisted on it even after the Congress rejection of it was known.

"Thus, the Congress is making to the League an offer which the League had accepted from the British. The only difference is that now the Cabinet will be formed, not by the British but by the Congress and the League. Unfortunately Mr. Jinnah has refused to respond to the Congress appeal for co-operation. The times are critical and momentous and nothing should be done in haste or anger. Now that the British have agreed to let Indians settle the question without interference by the League, the responsibility on the League leaders is the greater as to whether they will accept or reject the hand of friendship and co-operation extended by the Congress. I would agree to call to all leaders of the League to survey the situation dispassionately and come to a decision which will be of benefit to the country and the community alike."

EVACUATION OF WOMEN & CHILDREN

The A. P. A. adds:— Calcutta, was again bathed in blood on the second day of communal disturbances, which saw men, women and children slaughtered by the mob. Bodies of the victims of the first day's rioting are still littering the streets.

The most heart-rending sight was the children being carried off, some from the north side of the city. In babbling, tear-choked phrases, they told of women being attacked, children hacked to death and their menfolk slaughtered before their very eyes.

"SHOOT AT SIGHT" ORDER

Not a section of the city was left untouched by looters. The police have been ordered to shoot at sight anyone found breaking into shops. Calcutta was found without any newspapers in most localities, as news-papers would not venture out in the riot-infested city.

RELIEF WORKERS' GRUESOME ACCOUNTS

Relief workers touring the city this morning had gruesome accounts to tell of the aftermath of last night's incidents. They found dead bodies lying in different localities in south Calcutta, especially the Ballygunge area. Bodies were seen on Gariahat road, Nandi street and Lansdowne road. There was tension in Cossipore, Alambazra and Ballygunge areas in the northwestern suburbs last night.

CONGRESS PARLIAMENTARY SUB-COMMITTEE MEETS

NEW DELHI, Aug. 18. (A. P. I.): The Parliamentary Sub-Committee of the Congress Working Committee met this morning.

So far no interview between the Viceroy and the Congress President has been fixed for to-day. They may meet to-morrow.

BOMB WARNINGS AT JERUSALEM POST OFFICE

JERUSALEM, August 18. (A.P.I.): Bomb warnings were received twice yesterday at the Jerusalem Post Office and each time the building was evacuated and searched. Nothing was found.

SIAM CLOSES FRENCH INDO-CHINA BORDER

BANGKOK, Aug. 18. (Reuters): Siam has closed her borders with French Indo-China following French allegations that Cambodians involved in border incidents were crossing into Siam and that former refugees were returning into French Indo-China.

TWO INJURED AT ARRAB PATNA

PATNA, Aug. 18. (A.P.I.): Two persons sustained injuries in a fracas at Arrab on the Direct Action Day, according to a report received here. The trouble arose, it is learnt, over the hoisting of the Muslim League flag over the Mogal High School.

U. P. ZAMINDARS MOBILISE

LUCKNOW, Aug. 18. (A.P.I.): A zamindars' Union of Agra and Oudh Provinces to "oppose by all feasible means the abolition of Zamindari in the United Provinces" was formed to-day at a meeting of the U.P. Zamindars' Bani of Sherkot presided.

The meeting approved the draft constitution and elected a Working Committee consisting among others of Rani Sahab of Sherkot (President), Sir Jagdish Prasad and Nawab of Chhattari as members.

It was decided to raise a fund on the basis of two per cent of the revenue of the zamindar members of the Union.

JUBBULPORE STRIKERS PREFER JAIL CUSTODY

JUBBULPORE, Aug. 18. (A.P.I.): Eight strikers of the military accounts and the Onama Glass Factory, Jubbulpore who were refused bail and preferred jail custody till tomorrow when their cases will be taken up for hearing by the Court.

IMPERIAL BANK STAFF SYMPATHETIC STRIKE

Members of the Jubbulpore branch of the Imperial Bank observed a one-day strike yesterday to express sympathy with their co-workers in Calcutta.

VICEROY'S FINAL B'D TO WOO JINNAH

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Hussain from Delhi and Mr. Mohammad Yunus from Bihar. Mr. Asaf Ali, the Delhi host of Maulana Azad, might change places with Dr. Kitchlew eventually.

CONGRESS NOMINEES

The Congress nominees are already known. They are: Pandit Nehru, Sardar Patel, Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose, Mr. Rajagopalachari and Mr. Jag Jivan Ram (Scheduled Castes from Bihar).

The original list included Dr. Rajendra Prasad who is now tipped for Congress presidency, the other candidates being Acharya Kripalani, Sardar Baldev Singh will represent the Sikhs.

There appears to be a tie between Dr. John Mathai and Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, the latter is backed by Mahatma Gandhi to represent both Indian Christians and women. Although originally the Congress panel included the Anglo-Indian leader, Mr. Frank Anthony, chances of his inclusion in the Government, proceeding firstly, because of opposition to him from his own community and, secondly, because of his opposition to giving two seats to Christians.

The Panel candidate probably will be Mr. M. R. Masani or Sir Homi Modi.

As for the Constituent Assembly the proposal is under way to set up an Advisory Committee for the Central Government, with members from Delhi, Ajmer, Baluchistan and Coorg.

JOURNALIST'S VISIT CAUSES RIOT

Jewish Refugees Rush To Gates Of Cyprus Camp: Guards Fire In Air

FAMAGUSTA, (Cyprus) Aug. 18.

(Reuters): The Jewish refugees transported by the British Government from Palestine to Cyprus rioted when a journalist visited their camp here. The rioting broke out in the camp, military guards fired into the air. There were no casualties.

The refugees numbering about 1,300 were deported following the British ban on landing of illegal immigrants in Palestine.

Pre-Arranged Riot

Associated Press of America adds: The riot, evidently pre-arranged to coincide with a press tour of the newly-established detention camp at Famagusta, broke out when the Palestinian National Flag was unfurled by one of the inmates.

Hundreds of Jews immediately brought long, pointed staves out of hiding and rushed the gates of the camp before the British guards could be mustered. About 100 of the rioters, including some women, actually got through the gates. The rush was checked by soldiers firing gas and the heads of the charging Jews and some of the inmates escaped.

Considerable overhead firing was necessary before the fanatical demonstrators would even partially disperse.

Slight casualties were caused to the troops from stones flung by the rioters who defied the soldiers' bayonets with their naked stomachs yelling "kill me" and "we want to go to Palestine."

1,400 ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS DEPORTED

HAIFA, Aug. 18. (Reuters): One thousand four hundred Jewish would-be immigrants were deported early this morning after strong resistance for 20 hours to their transfer from the boats which brought them to the Liberty ships.

More Telephone Hoaxes

JERUSALEM, Aug. 18. (Reuters): Two more telephone hoaxes caused the staff and customers to flee the General Post Office this morning as the "nervous war" continued.

Three mysterious calls have been telephoned to the General Post Office since yesterday afternoon.

The building was declared safe after searches carried out by the police and troops.

Moscow Blames It On Evatt

Russian Women 'En Route' To Sydney Held Up In London

LONDON, Aug. 18. (Reuters): The Russian people are attributing the failure to find air transport for London for a Soviet women's delegation to attend the International Women's Conference in Australia to the wishes of Dr. Herbert Evatt, Australian Foreign Minister.

Edmond Stevens broadcasting over the Moscow radio for the American Broadcasting Corporation, stated to-day: "The delay in the coming of Soviet-Anglo-Saxon relations" was his comment.

The Moscow newspaper "Pravda" in its editorial review also spoke of "the indignation of the Soviet public" over the refusal of the Australian authorities to permit the delegation to enter Australia.

Reuter added, the Soviet Women's delegation left Moscow on August 4 by air to attend the International Women's Conference in Australia. They arrived in London where they were held up because of transport difficulties.

It was stated in London that there was a regulation requiring people who wished to go by air to Australia to be in the country for ten days before they left Britain.

The delegation's late arrival made it impossible for them to comply with this regulation if they were to leave in time to attend the Conference which ended on August 10.

Bookings on British Overseas Airways from London to Australia were heavy and many Australian women were still waiting for places, it was stated.

NO WAR SERVICE MEN FOR I.C.S.

LONDON, Aug. 18. (A. P. A.): The India Office announced to-day a decision not to proceed with the appointment of "war service" candidates to the Indian Civil Service.

The decision was taken, the announcement said, in view of the pending constitutional changes in India and the consequent uncertainty as to the conditions of service.

European candidates under the scheme have already been notified of the decision.

MALABAR MUSLIMS DEMAND 'MOPLASTAN'

CALCUTTA, August 18. (U.P.I.): A resolution demanding independent and sovereign Mopla State consisting of Muslim majority areas of Malabar and Laccadives and Keralas under the Federation of the rest of Malabar, Cochin and Travancore, was adopted at a meeting of the Malabar District Muslim League held at Kottayam.

A sub-committee of Mopla Legislators and others was formed to report upon the "Mopla State" scheme. The District Council of Action was also formed to take steps to implement the programme of "Direct Action".

CALCUTTA RIOTING SHOWS NO SIGN OF ABATING

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Joint Secretary, Mr. Farmanul Haq, stated that the figure might mount to a thousand by nightfall.

The troops of the Indian Army and women from the disturbed localities to the Muslim League shelter houses "being managed with the help of the military or the police."

Three Killed In Police Firing

Firing by both the police and the military occurred today in Cossipore. Three were killed and fifteen injured in the incident.

A big mob, it is stated, was advancing towards Cossipore Road, and according to one report it was armed with a shot gun. Fire had to be opened to disperse it.

"RELEASE LEADERS" DEMAND

Analogy Of Ireland And India
JERUSALEM, Aug. 18. (A.P.A.): The Zionist daily, "The Palestine Post," today urged the British Government to release the Jewish leaders held at the internment camps in the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip.

"In Whitehall, it is still being asked whether these detained leaders can be 'conveniently' invited to a conference," "The Post" said.

"Surely," it added, "convenience is not a factor that should be admitted at this stage any more than it was admitted when Mr. Collins and Mr. De Valera, even though in active revolt against Britain, were invited by the then Prime Minister to negotiate, or when as now Mr. Nehru is freed by the Viceroy of India for a similar purpose."

In Jaffa, a meeting of the Communist "Arab" League for National Liberation" appealed to the Government to release the detained Arab political leaders.

The incident, it is stated, was a Tel Aviv newspaper, had climbed the barbed wire fence inside the camp and told the illegal immigrants that the demonstration would not help their cause.

After quiet had returned spokesman for the camp said that the food rations, medical facilities and water supply were insufficient. The Camp Commander, Major D. A. Gunn, said the illegal immigrants were being given regular British Army rations, and added: "They require a lot of food and naturally to some of them regular rations may mean next to nothing."

The illegal immigrants held a mass meeting in the centre of the camp and pledged themselves to the slogan "Palestine or Die."

Hyderabad State Congress Rejects Announced Reforms

Standing Council Demands Responsible Govt. Under Aegis Of Nizam

HYDERABAD (Dn.) Aug. 17. (A.P.I.): Standing Council of the Hyderabad State Congress at its first sitting since its formation, unanimously adopted a resolution rejecting the reforms announced by the Hyderabad Government and demanding its withdrawal.

The resolution said that the standing council "directs its Working Committee to work out a plan of action to oppose its introduction and for the assertion of the above-said basic democratic rights."

The Standing Council desires to impress upon the people the need to assess the gravity of issues at stake and their non-communal and national character.

It further says: "It therefore, calls upon the people to boycott the reforms and establish their rights through struggle and sacrifice under the direction of the State Congress."

Last Test Forecast

NOT POSSIBLE FOR INDIA TO DRAW LEVEL IN TWO DAYS

Mushtaq And Merchant Went All Out To Hit Smith

By LEARIE CONSTANTINE
LONDON, Aug. 18. (Reuters): The weather on Sunday turned gloriously fine and the outlook for the second day at the Oval to-morrow is good. The Indians spent to-day quietly at their hotel, happy at having safely weathered the dangerous 90 minutes on Saturday. All the players are fit and well though naturally disturbed by reports of the Calcutta rioting.

Merchant is showing no signs of the ankle injury which kept him out of the previous county match and required attention from a Surrey masseur before the start of the third Test.

INDIA WON'T WIPE OUT ENGLAND'S LEAD

Most of the cricket writers in to-day's British newspapers agree that the odds are heavily against India wiping out England's lead in the Test series and drawing level in the two remaining days, but at the same time express the opinion that the tourists are in a good position to save the game.

Jack Hobbs in "Sunday Express" writes: "India's opening pair were never disturbed. It must be considered a very useful effort. One outstanding point is that the Indians are so many on. There may be a short sticky period to-morrow."

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FLOGGING SMITH'S BOWLING

George Duckworth, former England player, writing in "Reynolds's News," says: "No one who has been on such a soaked pitch expected wickets to fall. The pitch was too dead to respond either to the amazing energy which Alf Gover put into his bowling or to the spin of Peter Smith and others."

Duckworth said he was glad to notice that Pataudi "did not repeat the 'Old Trafford' idea of giving us the first knock." He thought the most entertaining part of batting was when the "two Indians" were walking—rather jumping—down the pitch to Peter Smith.

Duckworth says they seemed in such hurry to get at Smith that the thought appeared to have occurred to them that they had to get every possible run before Smith was taken off. "They did not treat Jim Langer, who kept better length in the same day," he adds.

John Robertson in "Sunday Dispatch" to-morrow of press for the holding of Pataudi and Washbrook. "These two were magnificent."

Of India's batting, Robertson writes: "For once in a way Merchant was overhauled by Mushtaq Ali. He has wrists of tempered steel, and when he gets really going is a most attractive batsman to watch. He has a penchant for legside play and some of his glides were the perfection of elegance and timing. This was one of Merchant's inspired innings, but he is still there and England will be glad to see the back of the little man."

SAHNGHALI Aug. 18. (Reuters): The

Chinese Government to-day announced that the Central Bank of China would make adjustments in the foreign exchange rate, effective to-morrow.

The new depreciated value of the Chinese currency will only be known when the Central Bank opens its business to-morrow.

DISPOSALS

RADIO and WIRELESS EQUIPMENT are now available for disposal as surplus stores.

APPLICATIONS for the purchase of these stores are invited from trade associations connected with Radio and Wireless Equipment, who desire their interests to be protected and their claims investigated. The applications should be addressed to Director, M.M. & H. Directorate, Directorate General of Disposals, New Delhi, and should reach him by 4 P. M. on 25-8-46.

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League Chief's Charge Against Jawahar

**SAYS, LONG-TERM PLAN
NEVER DISCUSSED AT
BOMBAY**

Accuses Congress Of Sheltering Under Viceroy's Baton

BOMBAY, Sunday (A.P.I.): "Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru would have been nearer the truth if, instead of saying that there was lack of co-operation from the Muslim League he had said that the Muslim League was not prepared to surrender; and it would have been still more true if, instead of saying that the Congress does of co-operation were still open he had said that the Congress door was open to the Muslim League for a complete surrender," says Mr. M. A. Jinnah, President of the All-India Muslim League, in a statement issued here today.

What Jawahar Admitted

Mr. Jinnah adds: "It has been made very clear once more and it has been admitted by Pandit Nehru in his recent Press Conference that the Congress has not accepted the long-term plan of May 16 and there is no doubt that they rejected the Short-term final proposal of the Cabinet Delegation and the Viceroy dated June 16, whereupon that part of the scheme was scrapped by the Viceroy. In his Press Conference Pandit Nehru admitted that there was no difference between the decision of the Congress Working Committee taken at Wardha on August 10 and the resolution of the A.I.C.C. of July 7 passed at Bombay, ratifying the earlier decision of the Working Committee at Delhi on June 25 and 26. So the master stands as it was after the original decision of the Congress Working Committee at Delhi. And therefore, now admittedly, the Congress has not accepted the long-term plan nor the Short-term proposal, whereas the Muslim League did accept both and had finally to withdraw their acceptance at the meeting of the Council of the All-India Muslim League Council on July 29.

VICEEROY'S INVITATION AND AFTER
Mr. Jinnah says: "What remains now is the new situation created by the Communiqué issued by the Viceroy inviting the Congress to make their proposals for the Interim Government. Our position, from the very beginning, has been that the Long-term settlement and the Interim Government must go together and that they constitute one whole indivisible scheme and the one cannot be separated from the other and that was what, the Muslim League according to their statements of May 16 and June 16.

We were not satisfied with all the proposals of the scheme and they were more against the League and than against the Congress. Nevertheless, we accepted them but the Congress rejected them. But now, as I have already said, I don't know as to what is going on between the Viceroy and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and the Congress.

WHITE PAPER NOT DISCUSSED
"In the course of our interview on August 15, Pandit Nehru declined to discuss the Long-term settlement. He made it clear to me that they were invited by the Viceroy to make their proposals for the Interim Government and he thought that he would like to see me before the Congress submitted their proposals to the Viceroy.

SHAPE OF INTERIM GOVT.
Continuing, Mr. Jinnah says: "The proposals which he made were that the Congress would form the Cabinet and they were prepared to give 5 seats out of 14 to the Muslim League and the remaining 9 would be filled by the Congress nominees including one Muslim of their choice; that this Cabinet would be responsible only to the present Central Legislative Assembly where, I may point out, the Congress has got at least three votes as against one of the Muslim League; and further that the Viceroy would be the consti-

SENTENCE ON POLICE OFFICIAL ENHANCED

BIJAPUR, August 18 (A.P.I.): A sentence of one year's hard labour and fine of Rs. 800 was recommended by the Sessions Judge of Bijapur on the application made by the Government against Police Inspector Mr. S. J. Patil of Bagalkot, who was sentenced by the Magistrate to one day's jail on the charge of accepting bribes.

Municipal Officials In

Breach Of Trust
BIJAPUR, August 18 (A.P.I.): The President of the Nal Municipal Council, Mr. Mahalingappa Gombadisetty, two Councillors, Sayyad Fakrudin and Sayyad Dhanusa and the Record Clerk, Mr. R. B. Kulkarni, were sentenced by the Bijapur Magistrate to one day's jail on the charge of criminal breach of trust, forgery and falsification of Government accounts. On application by the Government, the Sessions Judge of Bijapur recommended to the Bombay High Court that the President and the Councillors be sentenced to six months' hard labour and the clerk to four months' R. I. and fine of Rs. 100.

They were charged with having conspired with the object of displacing the present municipal body and having tampered with the records of accounts by inserting new pages in the accounts books thus showing false accounts in favour of their associates.

National Governor-General and must not exercise his power in such a way as to interfere with the functioning of this Cabinet. It was not that he was forming the Executive Council of the Governor-General under the framework of the present constitution, but the Government so formed would be a "provisional National Government."

This was the plan he disclosed to me and it was obvious that I could not accept such a proposal because, after that, there would remain nothing to talk about the Muslim demand and our goal of Pakistan.

"From what he has announced at his Press Conference, I gather that his position is more or less the same. At his Press Conference, which was very long-drawn, he has said many things, but I do not propose to convert all the details and shall deal with the main points.

CO-OPERATION FROM WHOM?
Mr. Jinnah continues: "He is reported to have said that almost all others were willing to co-operate with the Congress except the Muslim League. Who are the others? The Sikhs have changed four times already and the fifth time it may be our good luck and they may become our friends. Even their last decision, as Master Tara Singh explained was not unanimous and he, the leader of the Akali Party, was himself opposed to it, but it was a compromise for the particular purpose of wrecking Group 'B' with the help of the Congress which the latter has promised. The Scheduled Castes, who I am sorry to say, have been let down by the Viceroy, are furiously opposed to the Congress and the Christian organization is certainly not with the Congress nor are the Anglo-Indians or the Parsis. It is only the Caste Hindu Fascist Congress and their few individual henchmen of other communities who want to be installed in power and authority of the Government of India to dominate and rule over the Mussalmans and other minority communities of India with the aid of British bayonets. When he was asked if the Muslim League resorted to direct action when power is handed over to the Congress what would be the attitude of the Congress, Pandit Nehru replied making it clear that they would crush the Muslim League; and further that the Government would go down.

"When he says that the League will be crushed if we resort to direct action, he talks with confidence for he relies upon the shelter and support of the baton of Field Marshal Wavell.

BRUTE MAJORITY
"It cannot be said with any quanta of conscience," says Mr. Jinnah, "that the minority has placed a veto on the advance of the majority community. For we had accepted the considered final proposals of the mission and the Viceroy both with regard to Long-term and the Interim Government—although they were not quite satisfactory to us—and it is the Congress that has rejected them both by their veto and intransigent attitude. Now, however, it is the majority which is going to be installed in power, on its own terms, by the British Government, to rule the Mussalmans and the minorities with the help of British blood and treasure. It is indeed, the forcing of any such arrangement upon the Muslims and others which must and would result in unprecedent and most dangerous and disastrous consequences.

"At his Press Conference, Pandit Nehru has not failed to give his oft-repeated threat even while he is seeking our co-operation," he says. "They (Congress) must do their utmost not only to keep the Congress organization going, but must strengthen it, widen it and make it more disciplined and ready for action when action might be necessary. They would have to consider how this organization should adapt itself to the changing circumstances so that it might not come in conflict and yet at the same time retain its revolutionary outlook."

WHY ALLIANCE WITH BRITISH IMPERIALISM
"He has again repeated that they were going to the Constituent Assembly to achieve their objective and that it was only a step in that direction and if anything came in their way they will abandon it. He considers that the swift limb of the Congress should not be shackled to the halt and lame, by which latter expression, I presume he means the Muslim League. Why, then, does the swift limb want to make alliance with the British Imperialism and depend upon British bayonets? Is it to enable them to crush the Muslim League? Why cannot they stand on their own?"

"Having laid down the policy of his future Government of India as regards the Muslim League, Pandit Nehru indulges further in declarations of his policy and formulates principles as to how they will proceed with regard

FOUR-FOOT WOMAN REPORTS FOR CHINA

Big Role For Authoress At Peace Conference

PARIS, Aug. 18 (Reuters): The smallest woman attending the Paris Conference is Miss Ting Ching Lu, Chinese authoress and newspaper-woman, who is only four feet tall, writes Joy Miller, Reuters' special correspondent.

She takes size one in shoes and a yard of material will make her dress. Widow of the well-known Chinese author, Shelly Wang, Miss Lu is the London correspondent of the Chinese newspaper "Peace Daily" and came to Paris to report the Peace Conference.

She can never find anything to sit her in Britain except the children's department and so she has all her clothes made for her. Knowing the difficulty about shoes from previous experience in Britain before the war, she brought with her ten pairs of her special shoes, one a year ago to take up her assignment. As she cannot get a small enough size in stockings she has to turn back the toes of her stockings under her feet.

Miss Lu has an inseparable companion—another Chinese woman journalist, Miss Chung Pei-Hsu, who is not very much taller than herself. Dressed always in the long, close-fitting Chinese national costume, the two are familiar figures in the corridors of Luxembourg Palace. They were the first Chinese women to be sent abroad as foreign correspondents.

Miss Hsu, who is the London correspondent of the Chinese newspaper "Central Daily News," was the first woman to be accepted as a student in the journalistic department of the General Political Institutes in China and was the only woman censor in Chungking during the war. Her husband is with the Chinese Ministry of Information in London.

Burma War Losses

Claims Commission

LONDON, August 18 (Reuters): The Burma War Losses Claims Commission, it is announced today, will be composed of an Englishman and a Burman. Mr. H. A. Burden (Chairman) and U. Se.

Mr. Burden is a retired member of the Ceylon Civil Service. U. Se. was a member of the Indian Accounts and Accounts Service and was Deputy Accountant-General, Burma. Later, he was Commissioner of the Rangoon Municipal Corporation and Vice-Chancellor of the Rangoon University.

GANDHIJI ANSWERS CRITICS OF HIS PRAYER MEETING

"Why Should An Open Profession By Me Of My Faith Offend Anybody, Much Less The Muslim League?"

ARMEDABAD, Aug. 18 (A.P.I.): Replying to critics against the chanting of Ramanama at his prayer meeting as likely to cause offence to men of religious denominations other than Hindus, especially Muslims, Mahatma Gandhi writes in today's "Harijan":

"I must repeat for the thousandth time that Ramanama is one of the many names for God. The same prayer meetings have recitations from the Quran and the Zend Avesta. Devout Muslims for the very reason that they are devout have never objected to the chant of Ramanama. Ramanama is not an idle chant, it is conceived as a mode of addressing the all pervasive God known to me, as to millions of Hindus by the familiar name of Ramanama, 'Nana' at the end of Rama is the most significant part. It means the name with which the Rama of history.

Be that as it may, why should an open profession by me of my faith offend anybody much less the Muslim League? No one is obliged to join these meetings and having joined to do is not to mar the harmony of the meetings by their absence. I am not in sympathy with any party.

As to the use of the phrase 'Rama-Rajya', why should it offend anybody having defined its meaning? It is a convenient and expressive phrase, the meaning of which no alternative can so fully express to millions. When I visit the Frontier Province or address a predominantly Muslim audience, I would naturally mention to them by calling it Khudai Raj while to a Christian audience, I would describe it as the Kingdom of God on Earth. Any other mode would for me be self-suppression and hypocrisy.

Gandhiji Warns Khadi Workers

ARMEDABAD, Aug. 18 (A.P.I.): Answering certain questions put by a Gujarati Khadi lover relating to the difficulties he experienced in purchasing Khadi Mahatma Gandhi writes in the "Harijan":

"The sales bhandars may disappear under the new scheme only means that they should be converted into schools for teaching all the processes of Khadi—spinning, cotton, carding, spinning and all their accessories of spinning carding and spinning should certainly be available there. Above all, the Khadi workers should be polite and obliging at all times. If it is not so, it will be a tragedy if Khadi workers themselves were to be the cause of its death."

to the Indian States and how they to the treated and the policy of his Government of India with regard to other countries and the general international and foreign relations without any reference to the Muslim League.

This is the announcement of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru displayed in the course of his Press Conference, immediately after his interview with me when, he came to seek my co-operation. He says our talk did not bring the Congress and the Muslim League any nearer one another. How can it?" concludes Mr. Jinnah.

SAVED 1,000 INDIAN P. O. W.s. FROM STARVATION

Goho Risked His Life Passing Secret Loans To Commanding Officer During Jap Occupation Of Singapore

SINGAPORE.—(A.P.A.): More than 1,000 Indian prisoners of war were saved from starvation by the advance of secret loans to their commanding officer during the Japanese occupation of Singapore, writes R. Ramanath, A.P.A. staff correspondent.

Behind this previously untold story were a group of Indian and Chinese civilians who risked torture at the hands of the Kempeitai to help inmates of the Nee Soon prison hospital. Principal figure in the venture was S. C. Goho, a prominent Singaporean who advanced a total of 242,000 dollars (Straits) during the occupation. Other Indians and Chinese well-wishers contributed another 100,000 dollars (Straits).

The funds were advanced through the then Commanding Officer of the hospital, Lt. Col. Chaudry, who has paid tribute to Mr. Goho and others for "principally help" to men the Japanese called "undesirables."

Once the Japanese learned of the scheme, a European of neutral citizenship who was employed by the Japanese military police was assigned to break the group. His activities led him to believe that Goho and the Commanding Officer of a Bangkok prisoner of war camp were working together. Efforts to get evidence failed—and the Japanese spy never learned the activities actually taking place in Singapore.

The Japanese agent finally resorted to having the Kempeitai mania-ture a rubber stamp bearing the words: "British Military Secret Service. Burma Command." With it, he stamped several letters to Goho. They ignored them.

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many lives and for this our gratitude can never be wanting. Your example encouraged others.... Your generous and princely help to us 'undesirables' of those days, suffering under the cruel Japanese administration, have brought tears of joy and thankfulness to one and all of us."

M. S. Aney, Representative of the Indian Government in Ceylon, made an independent investigation of Goho and his occupation activities during a visit here last year.

"No persons with a sense of responsibility and public duty could have done anything else, than what you have done," he later wrote. "There is nothing in the part you played of which you need be ashamed." Aney added.

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YOU CANNOT RESIGN FROM CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY FOR POLITICAL REASONS

Congress Working Committee Resolution Circularised To Provincial Committees

ALLAHABAD, Aug. 17. (A.P.I.)—No person who has been elected to the Constituent Assembly in pursuance of the Congress resolution passed by the A. I. C. C. at its meeting in Bombay dated July 6 and 7 1946 can be allowed to resign from it for political reasons. Such resignations are against Congress discipline and the discipline of the Congress party in provincial assemblies.

This resolution was passed at the recent meeting of the Congress Working Committee held at Wardha on the question whether any Congress member after having been elected to the Constituent Assembly could resign.

Mr. Sadik Ali, Permanent Secre-

tary, A. I. C. C., has communicated the above resolution to all Provincial Congress Committees in a circular letter addressed today. Mr. Sadik Ali says "Congress discipline is a treasure which we must all cherish and guard with all the vigilance at our command especially now when numerous and intricate problems face us and call for more than ever before unity of action."

The deliberations of the Congress Working Committee that have already appeared in the press, will be published in the next bulletin of the A. I. C. C. to be shortly brought out. The bulletin will be sent to all Provincial Congress Committees in due course.

12 TEMPLES THROWN OPEN FOR HARIJANS IN MADRAS

Minister Answers Questions In Assembly: Cabinet Committee On Govt. Servants' Salaries

MADRAS, Aug. 17 (A.P.I.)—Twelve temples have so far been thrown open to Harijans in the Presidency, said Mr. K. R. Reddy, Minister for Religious Endowments, replying to a question in the Madras Assembly today.

The Minister added that Trustees and persons in charge of other temples were also being persuaded to take advantage of the Temple Entry Legislation.

Government were also considering what further steps could be taken to attain their objective in this regard. Asked if Government would consider the desirability of introducing legislation so as to make denial of Harijans' entry into temples a criminal offence and punishable as such, the Minister replied that Government would consider that when necessary.

Answering a supplementary question, the Minister said no special attempt was being made to get Tirupathi temple thrown open to Harijans.

To a further question the Minister replied that he was not aware of any particular difficulties in regard to Tirupathi temple being open to Harijans.

Asked if Europeans were being admitted into the Tirupathi temple precincts and why similar facilities could not be given to Muslims, the Minister replied that even today there was no prohibition to Muslims as such in the matter of admission under

the same conditions applicable to Europeans.

The Minister added that temples could not be thrown open by "Executive Order." This was in reply to a question why Government should not consider the desirability of throwing them open by an executive order.

EMOLUMENTS OF GOVT. SERVANTS

The Cabinet Committee to inquire into the emoluments of Government servants is drawing up a report recommending Rs. 200 a month will consist of Mr. K. R. Karant, Minister for Revenue, Chairman, Mr. M. Bakhtavatsalam, Minister for Public Works and Mr. Daniel Thomas, Minister for Local Self-Government, it is officially announced today.

Mr. D. W. Dodwell, Secretary, Finance Department, will be Secretary to the Committee.

It is anticipated that the Committee will make available its recommendations to Government inside of two months.

The situation has eased considerably since this morning.

Hoosenbhai Lalljee's Interview With Jawaharlal

Mr. Hoosenbhai A. Lalljee, President All Parties Shia Conference writes:

"There being a natural desire and enquiries are being made of me as to what place at my interview with Pandit Jawaharlal yesterday, I shall feel obliged if you will please publish the following:

"Naturally the first thing taken up was the present position about which I said it was necessary to move at once and to take a definite line of action while showing all regard and considerations because the International position was also moving very fast and had been assuming a new aspect which this great country of ours cannot now afford to be down as it is and in its present position and I also particularly made clear the position of Shias and I have felt over and over again that I have not fully but very gravely recognised the great responsibilities that were going to fall on him and the Congress and about the rights and representation of all the classes of people."

Then with regard to Indian position in East Africa, Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika and the adjoining ports the former Italian East Africa, Belgium, Congo, etc. and particularly the position of Indians in South Africa and overseas, I was happy to observe that not only he and the Working Committee were out for obtaining equal status but that he had studied and knew the position very well. In this respect I told him what I could now say that a few days ago by D/O communications it was suggested to me that it would be better if I joined the Delegation to the International Conference to be held at Montreal, Canada, in this month, whereat exchange of views on post-war migration and racial discrimination were to be the important subjects on the agenda, as also that I should join in the Delegation that was going to East Africa, but I was sorry I had to ask to be excused although these were the matters in which for years I had been taking keen interest because of my responsibility as the President of All Parties Shia Conference, specially in these days and this I have made clear to him (Panditji) as well yesterday. I am, however, very glad that in the former Delegation Mr. P. Kodaanda Rao of the Servants of India Society and in the latter Sir Maharaj Singh were going out to those places.

There was not much for me to say to Panditji with regard to sending and/or retaining and regarding the employment of our Indian troops outside India and about our Frontier tri-

"HORSE RACING MUST GO"

Gandhiji's Hint To Popular Ministries

AHMEDABAD, Aug. 18 (A.P.I.)—The view that popular Government should put an end to racing if it is within their competence is expressed by Mahatma Gandhi sitting under the caption "Horse Racing" in today's "Harijan".

"I have written before regarding the ruin of men and money through horse racing but a very strongly worded letter from a friend who says that gambling on the race course is not a lesser evil than the drink habit, constrains me to write again on this subject. The writer further says, 'special trains are run for the races and are full of people who wear Gandhi caps, call themselves Congressmen and go there only to waste their money. Where does this money come from? We now have popular Ministries, but they too are silent and put up with the evil.'"

"Although, in my opinion gambling at races is not as great an evil as drinking of alcohol, one ought not really to draw comparison. I do not know all the intricacies of horse racing. All I can say is that if it is within the competence of a popular Government to put an end to the evil, it should certainly do so."

GANDHIJI INDICTS GOAN AUTHORITIES

Support To Congress Working Committee Resolution

AHMEDABAD, Aug. 18 (A.P.I.)—The Congress Working Committee's resolution condemning the policy of the Goan authorities is supported by Mahatma Gandhi in an article on Gandhiji says: "The Goan authorities are going on merrily with their humanizing activities by gagging the people of Goa. The latest instance is that of their court martial sentencing Shri Braganza Cunha to eight years and deporting him to a far off Portuguese settlement in Africa for the crime of daring to assert his elementary right of civil liberty. Well has the Working Committee passed a resolution in condemnation of the policy of the Goan authorities which stands in striking contrast to the action of the French Governor who has encouraged the people to throw in their lot with the people in British India."

GOA PRISONER'S CONDITION PRECARIOUS

SEWAGRAM, Aug. 18 (U.P.I.)—The following telegrams have been received by Mahatma Gandhi referring to Mr. Kakodkar's arrest and imprisonment:

The first telegram says: "Purushottam Kakodkar arrested connection Reo Satyagraha movement Goa. In spite being political prisoner imprisoned dirty ill-ventilated cell in compound 'entirely' on a grid, mist and other commodities. Meanwhile Winnipeg rye advanced more than 6 cents on the market. The sharp rise in prices of rye in Alberta but profit-taking pared extreme gains."

The second telegram reads: "Purushottam Kakodkar's fifth day hunger-strike, condition precarious. Allowed to see persons under guard. Attitude of authorities unconcerned."

Referring to these telegrams, Mahatma Gandhi says:

"If the charges attributed to the authorities are true, they reflect great discredit on them. It is to be hoped that Civil Resistance of Goa will not be cowed down by any ill-treatment however grave it may be. I am not sure about the wisdom of the resorted hunger-strike. Let me hope that it will produce the desired effect. Having been undertaken, it must be prosecuted to the end."

SCHEDULED CASTES "SATYAGRAHA DAY"

BOMBAY, Aug. 18 (A.P.I.)—Members of the scheduled Castes in Bombay today observed "Satyagraha Day" by taking out small processions in the morning. The day was observed to voice the political grievances of the Scheduled Castes.

Small batches of Scheduled Caste youths boarded trains and buses in the city and loudly shouted slogans. A meeting was held in Bombay's labour area a Parel in the evening where various speakers welcomed their protest against the present political developments in the country.

bes except when it was definitely essential and necessary and beyond doubt in the interest of our people and/or for the defence of this country and more particularly at present with regard to Iran and the Palestine questions about which I had only a few days back made my submissions to the Viceroy because I felt and was fully convinced he (Panditji) was as gravely concerned about these great matters as anything else.

INVESTORS LIGHTEN COMMITMENTS ON WALL STREET MARKET

NEW YORK, Aug. 18. Wall Street opened irregular and quiet. Stocks continued to lag in some active trading led by whiskey, motors and airlines. Other sections of the list showed slight resistance. Traders who had been optimistic regarding the Congress of industrial organizations meeting in Washington were discouraged by developments there together with actual and threatened strikes and labour demands for roll back prices. With traders standing aside in view of the jangling weekend and the darkening labour picture, dealings dwindled appreciably with the turnover in the last hour totalling only 100,000 shares. The list drifted lower as investors lightened commitments with declines in fractions to more than one point. High priced stocks, including duPont and Eastman Kodak eased four to five points which served to depress the list further. With belief that business operations will be permitted to expand in the near future, a new threat of possible market recovery as well as disturbed market sentiment as well as reports that United auto workers will press for higher wages owing to Government of labor's failure to reach an agreement, the market closed barely steady.

Chicago Telephone and Telegraph 197-3/8
Am. Rex Corporation 381-1/4
Anaconda Copper Mining 45-1/2
Chas. National Bank 48-5/8
Firestone Tyre and Rubber Co. 71-1/8
General Motors 66-1/4
Ingersoll Rand (bid) 135
National City Bank of New York 49-1/2
New York Central Rail Road Co. 22-3/4
Socoy Vacuum Corporation 17-3/4
Union Carbide and Carbide 111
U. S. Smelting Refining 89-1/2
U. S. Steel Corporation 58-1/2
Western Union Telegraph 34

CHICAGO GRAINS

CHICAGO, Aug. 17. Grains after a steadily declining trend reflecting reports of further beneficial moisture in the maize belt and the forecast of a bumper crop in the growing areas over the weekend, prices rallied on scattered Commission house buying and short covering in response to a sharp rise in the price of wheat on the Chicago market.

CHICAGO GRAINS

CHICAGO, Aug. 18. Chicago grains sagged in quiet dealing with a record breaking decline in the maize market. The decline in feeding demand, a sharp drop in the price of wheat, and a waiting attitude pending decision of the export board on the maize and other commodities. Meanwhile Winnipeg rye advanced more than 6 cents on the market. The sharp rise in prices of rye in Alberta but profit-taking pared extreme gains.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

NEW YORK, Aug. 18. Cotton opened irregular, higher to 3/16 lower, and then eased on increased hedges and commission house liquidation. The market was influenced by export subsidy changes and possibilities of beneficial rains in Oklahoma and Texas where continued dryness is causing considerable anxiety. Prices steadied on mill buying emphasis on serious Mississippi weevil reports. Soon the market was back to steady, 21 to 16 lower. Local advices from Washington indicating no change are expected to exert a steady rate in the near future. Exports covering the steady market. Otherwise there was no fresh news and the market closed steady, higher to 30 lower. Sales are estimated at 140,000 bales.

POSITION OF SCHEDULED BANKS

Statement of the position of Scheduled Banks as at the close of business on the 9th August, 1946:—

Demand Liabilities in India	R 738,93,39.00
Time Liabilities in India	315,66,73.00
Cash in India:	
(i) Currency Notes of the Government of India	3,05,22,00.00
(ii) Rupee Coin	63,80,00.00
Balance with Reserve Bank	78,08,10.00
Advances in India	391,24,30.00
Bills Discounted in India	18,93,50.00

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA

Statement of Affairs of the Imperial Bank of India on the 9th August:—

CAPITAL:—	5,62,50,00.00
Reserve Fund	6,12,50,00.00
Fixed Deposit, Savings Bank, Current and Other Accounts	268,28,36.00
Sundry	54,43,00.00
Total Rs.	280,87,79.00

ASSETS:—

INVESTMENTS:—	146,20,87.00
Government Securities	146,20,87.00
Other Authorised Investments	6,02,23.00
Loans	31,29,69.00
Cash Credits and Overdrafts	85,94,51.00
Bills Discounted and Sundry	13,44,14.00
Dead Stock	1,09,00.00
Sundries	10,96,25.00
In hand and with Reserve Bank of India	33,73,72.00
Balances with other Banks	1,37,25.00
Total Rs.	280,87,79.00

Govt. Policy Results In Sharp Drop Of Rs. 35 In Cotton

BOMBAY, Aug. 18. The Patel Cotton Co., Ltd., have issued the following weekly report:—

The New York Cotton Market after a hectic rise during the last week on account of the low Bureau estimate and carry over, has been more or less consolidating its position. Reports of boll weevil damage and infestation in the Central and Eastern cotton belts giving the market an added strength. The present estimate of holdings of the C.C.C. of 600,000 bales with about 360,000 bales earmarked for exports leaving a net balance of about 135,000 bales and a continuation of the export programme to Germany and Japan may force the C.C.C. into the open market in competition with buyers from England, Spain and other European countries.

The 1947-48 season's crop is now attracting the attention of the trade and the belief that a price of 30 cents or more will bring more acreage under cotton resulting in a large crop has resulted in the prices of October and December 1947 futures being quoted at a discount of 3 cents under October 1946 delivery.

A preliminary agreement between the Egyptian Cotton Mission and the United States has been reached, where by Egypt can now ship her cotton to Germany and other allied occupied countries. Negotiations between Egypt, Britain and U.S.A. for bartering USA textiles with Egyptian cotton will commence shortly.

The Indian Cotton Contract fluctuated within a narrow range until Wednesday afternoon being influenced by rumours, regarding Government Co-ops Policy.

The announcement by the Textile Commissioner of the Government Price and Policy says: "Firstly, the ceiling prices, announced in Notification dated January 19 and subsequent amendments in Notification dated April 12, 1946, shall be continued into 1946/47 season and shall apply both to the current crop and to the crop marketed during 1946/47. Secondly, for the period September 1 to December 31, 1946, cotton exports through trade channels will be allowed only to the extent of two lakh bales and will be confined to Bengal, Delhi, Sind, Dehra, Coimbatore, Madras, Dhule, Coimbatore, Calcutta, and Allahabad (11/16) or less. In addition, the export of lint and yellow picking will be allowed. Quotas will be confined to established shippers and fixed for 'reservations'."

LOCAL MARKET

The Government policy resulted in a sharp decline of some 35 rupees. The restriction of exports to a figure of only 2 lakhs of bales for the first four months of the season caused considerable disappointment, as there is little doubt that a more generous allowance of short staples would have been given without jeopardising the position of the Indian mill in that style. However, one can appreciate the necessity of awaiting current crop progress in this connection; there is reason to believe that consideration to increase the quota will be given in two or three months' time when the growing crop can be more accurately assessed.

It is likely that would seem likely that the future destination of exports through trade will be almost entirely to the U.S.A., Canada, U.K. and Commonwealth with little or nothing to the Far East.

As was, fairly apparent, the increase in the general level of ceiling prices was likely to be despite the Indian Central Cotton Committee's strong recommendations. The Industries Committee of the Textile Control Board after a three days session agreed to place before Government by September 15 its views on the Government suggestion that "the proposed increase in the prices of cotton should be given effect by increasing prices of fine counts and subsidising the coarse counts with the money realised by the increase in price of fine counts." In the meantime, the status quo will continue.

In the ready market as well as Government's decision slackened the demand for Premier's for came down in basis. Deal was found in moderate demand but again at somewhat lower basis.

Monsoon progress continues to be good but a break of fine weather is needed. Current prospects are for an early crop.

We have received the following telegram from our Karachi office dated 18th inst:—

"Ready business at standstill owing to uncertainties Government policy. Recent rains will delay pickings in Sind but a fortnight. Standing crops are in good condition and require clear weather."

RAW COTTON EXPORTS

The following Press Note has been issued by Export Trade Controller:—

It is notified for general information that the Government of India have decided that all the contracts for the export of cotton below 13/16" staple entered into on or before the 13th May 1946 and still subsisting should be investigated. The exporters concerned are hereby requested to produce the evidence of such contracts before this Office Appraiser on or before 2nd September 1946. Any application received after that date will not be considered.

The exporters are warned that the fact that contracts entered into on or before 13th May 1946 are being investigated, should not be taken as implying that the Government are committed to permitting exports to any extent in respect of these contracts and that the final decision will rest with the Government.

LONDON EXCHANGES

T. T. London on 4.02/2, buyers 4.03 1/2, Madrid official 44.00, Montreal sellers 4.02, buyers 4.04, Zurich sellers 17.34, 4.02, 17.35, Stockholm sellers 14.47 to 14.50.

Disposal of SERVICEABLE MOTOR VEHICLES by PUBLIC AUCTION

Over 2,500 Serviceable Motor Lorries, Jeeps and Motor Cycles will be sold by Public Auction at Ordnance Vehicle Parks as follows:

LOCATION	DATE	AUCTIONEERS
Avadi, Madras	22nd, 23rd, 24th & 25th Aug.	Murray & Co.
A. ram, Bangalore	2nd & 3rd Sept.	Frank Abraham & Co.
Bombay	26th Aug.	Bennett & Co.
Kirkee	2nd & 3rd Sept.	Jaffer Jaffer & Co.
Secunderabad	26th & 27th Aug.	Vasir Sultan & Co.

Vehicle Parks will be open for inspection of vehicles by prospective purchasers daily as under:—

Mondays to Fridays: 10 a. m. to 12-30 p. m., 2 p. m. to 4 p. m.
Saturdays and Sundays: Parks will remain closed

ADMISSION WILL BE RESTRICTED TO CATALOGUE-HOLDERS ONLY

Catalogues can be obtained now at Rs. 3/- each from this Office or from Deputy Regional Commissioner Disposals, Madras, or from the Auctioneers.

SALE OF FORD/WILLYS JEEPS

About 300 Serviceable Jeeps will be sold by private treaty by Deputy Regional Commissioner Disposals, Madras, to Essential Users only at a fixed price of Rs. 3,000/-. Sales will take place on 26th and 27th August at Marshall Yard (Alamadi), Avadi, Madras. Inspection is open from 19th to 21st August, 1946.

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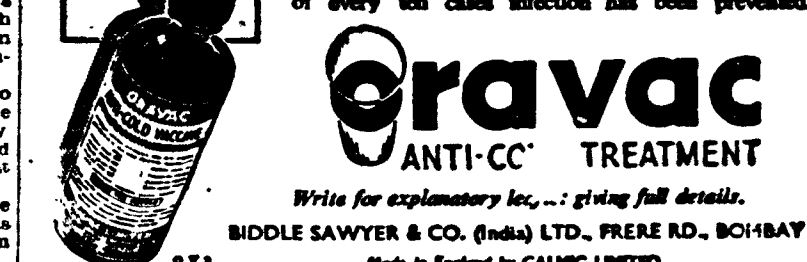
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